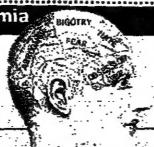
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# Shadowy Saudi group poised to be biggest shareholder in National Grid

Stmon Beavia, Chris Barrie and Mark Milner

SHADOWY Saudi Arabian investment group is expected to emerge as the largest shareholder in the National Grid after a series of complex share moves.

after they were sold yesteruay by the Hanson Group.

The shares were bought by James Capel, the broking arm of the HSBC bank, but the bank immediately entered into a special deal with Cres-The Olayan group — an Athens-based investment company owned by the cent Holdings, the German world's 15th richest man, registered share buying vehi-

the electricity industry was that the Saudi group would acquire control of the 12.5 per cent stake — by far the big gest holding in the company. James Capel refused to detail

company. It last faced a simi-lar public interest dilemma when the Kuwait Investment Office bought a 22 per cent stake in British Petroleum in 1987. Ministers eventually forced the Kuwaitis to sell

Suliman Saleh Olayan — de of the Olayan Group looks poised to acquire James Capel insisted it was a ferivatives deal designed in the company which runs Britain's electricity network after they were sold yesterday by the Hanson Group by the Hanson Group by the Hanson Group In the company which runs after they were sold yesterday and the City ing prey to speculation. Energy spokesman John Baitle said it proved that "UK utilities have ceased to be part of a public service and instead are US bank CS First Boston. In

Belgravia, London.

Hanson has been keen to sell off its Grid stake, which it acquired when it took control

Belgravia, London.

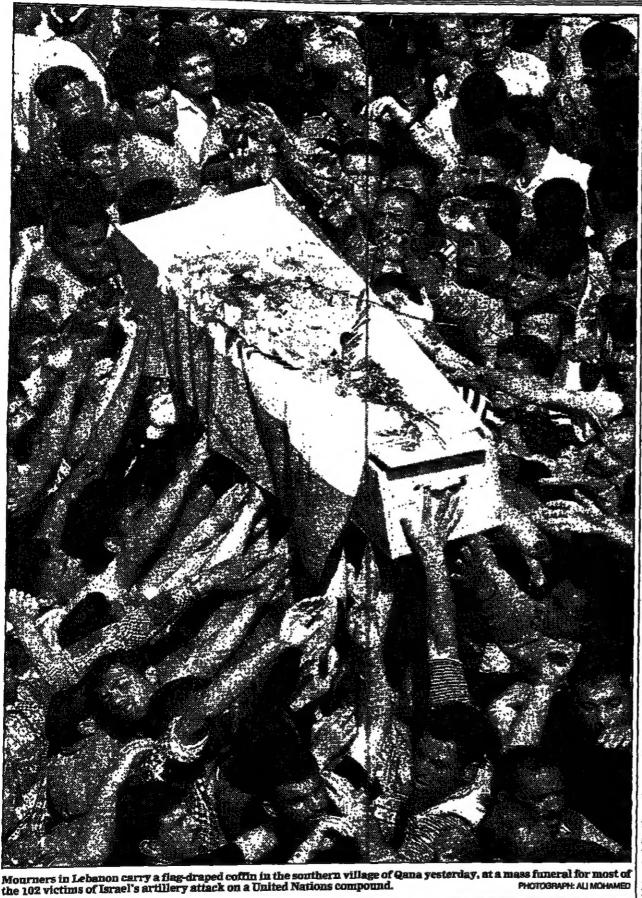
has since left the electricity company, had no involvement in the latest deal.

Hanson sold its Grid stake

of the modity speculation. The Olayan dynasty is known to operate 30 businesses and financial enterprises in the Middle of the modity speculation. The Olayan dynasty is coured by other European businesses and financial enterprises in the Middle of the elite Knick- Eastern Group.

1867 he was awarded an honorary knighthood from the acquired when it took control of the country's biggest regional electricity company. Eastern Group.

of the country's biggest for 192p a share, a price widely seen in the City to be poor. Grid shares rose to 205p



# **Tory MP faces** debt deadline

Paul Murphy and David Hencke

OHN Major's frag ile one seat Parliamentary majority was under fresh pressure last night with the disclo-sure that a Tory backbencher, Roy Thomason, has been given a one month deadline to start repaying some of his 28 million debts or face the start

of bankruptcy proceedings.
Secret minutes of a meeting held between a Tory party 'fixer' and the National Nestminster bank reveal that Mr Thomason, MP for Broms grove, has been unable to seep up an agreed £1,000 month payment after the loss of all his consultancies.

The MP, whose nursing property empire based in his viously threatened to take former local government legal action against Mr stronghold at Bournemouth has collapsed, had previously At the meeting Mr Melhas comapsed, had previously been kept aflost by a secret deal among the banks to ac-cept minimal payments until at least the date of the next

general election.

The minute of a meeting on April 16 between NatWest's deputy chief executive, John Melbourn, and Sir Gerrard Neale, former Tory MP for Cornwall North, reveal in-creasing restlessness about Mr Thomason's failure to handle his debts, which in-clude money owed to the Inland Revenue.

Also present at the meeting

were representatives of Bar-



Roy Thomason: business

the finance house Lombard | land might take unilateral North Central, and UCB, the French bank, which has pre-bankruptcy proceedings.

At the meeting Mr Melbourn simply stated that he wished to see progress." But other bankers at the meeting expressed anger that no plan on repayment had been forthcoming with several ques-tioning whether Mr Thomason was "serious about

dealing with the situation."
The minute states: "GN (Sir Gerrard) to try and put forward proposal within one month."

More worryingly for those present was the absence of the Midland Bank, which has a direct charge over some of Mr Thomason's assets. Fears clays, Royal Bank of Scotland. | were expressed that the Mid-



Other creditors not present included Allied Irish Banks and Lloyds.

As group deputy chief executive at NatWest, Mr Melbourn acts as the bank's front-man in dealing with its biggest corporate customers.

A NatWest spokesman last night declined to comment on the bank's relationship with Mr Thomason.

The MP's plight has been made worse by the loss of his consultancy with Dyson Bell

mentary agents, who pro-vided him with office accommodation and subsidised office services. He has also lost his consultancy with the West Bromwich Building Society, leaving him surviv-ing on his £33,000 parliamentary salary and his office

ously tried to save some of his empire by buying back some of the property from the receivers with loans from NatWest and handed them over to a business run by his The former leader of

Bournemouth council built up a property empire by buying up shops on the outskirts of the town and a shopping set up a nursing home busi-ness. But both ventures be-

Tory whips, who helped to mount the rescue package for Mr Thomason last year, are likely to try to defer bank action for as long as possible. Even if proceedings begin in a month's time, it could take six months before Mr Thomason would be forced to resign his Commons seat. Even then the Conservatives could delay three months.

Mr Thomason has a major Martin, solicitors and parlia- ity of 13,702 at Bromsgrove...

### Mongolia's army of rainmakers fights enemy fire with snow

Tim Radford

THINGS looked bleak in Ulan Bator. Fires that have devastated Mongolia's forests and pastures were advancing on the capital. So yesterday the authori-ties struck back. Anger as Hogg fails in beef talks

Within 20 minutes, the day was saved. Under the direction of meteorologists, Mongolian artillery fired acores of shells that exploded in the clouds, trig-gered a six-inch snowfall and claimed a famous

"The fire spread to about 20 miles from Ulan Bator in the night, but the snow put it out," said Badarch, the mayor of Terelz, a popular tourist destination 25 miles from Ulan Bator.

Three weeks of fires have killed at least 15 people and destroyed 20 million acres of forest and pastureland, The meeting's concluding document stated: 'The council ... has considered the UK causing up to £1 billion of concept as being a first step in the right direction. The coundamage to the fragile econcil has, however, noted the case for strengthening the

omy, officials say.

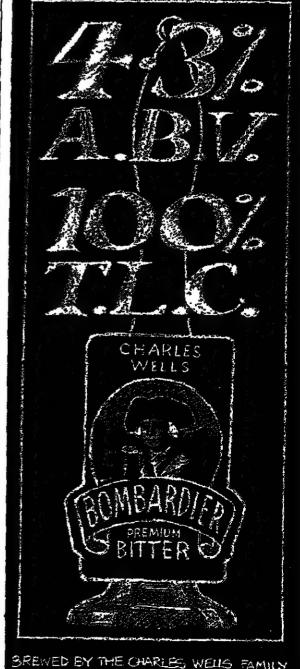
The Mongolian military are, the probably used a technique further with a touch of witchcraft: get it." programme, through additurn to page 3, column 4

silver bullets. A cumulonimbus cloud can hold 500,000 tons of water, but in droplets a thousand times smaller than a rain drop. The trick is to make

Scientists in Australia, Israel, the United States and Russia have tried vari-ous techniques to turn clouds into rain. They have hurled frozen carbon diox-tde and silver todide to give the droplets something to 'seed" around. But no one has ever been sure whether hi-tech rainmaking was any more effective than the old shaman methods.

The Meteorological Office in Bracknell yesterday had its doubts. "Whether the shock waves managed to click something that caused it to snow, or whether, had they bung on for another 20 minutes, it would have snowed anyway, we will never know," a spokesman

Even if it works, the technique has its downside. "If you make it rain where you are, that means somewhere further down the line won't



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### Inside

be any concessions.

Stephen Bates

in Luxembourg

OUGLAS Hogg, the

Agriculture Secretary. last night failed to win

a date for lifting European Union's ban on British beef.

After two days of negotia-tions at the agriculture minis-

ters' council he was told by

his 14 fellow ministers to

come up with additional mea-

sures to eradicate BSE from British herds before there can

> Britain Ferry operator P&O admitted passenger numbers on the Dover-Calais route had dived by a fifth and blamed Eurotunnel.

Mr Hogg said the Govern-ment had achieved "move-

ment in the right direction"

But he added: "There is a lot

more negotiating to be done, but we have broken through

by a combination of science,

The minister arrived here

on Monday offering a selec-

tive slaughter programme to

cull 42,000 high risk cattle to

help eradicate mad cow dis-

ease — but only in exchange for clear signals that the ban

logic and tough talking."

Cull plan crumbles under hard

line from ministers in Brussels

**World News** 

at lack of movement. One agriculture minister said progress had been delayed because of telephone calls he

tween Mr Hogg and London, and the British delegation

was once more given a hard time in the Council of

Earlier British Government

warnings that its proposals were only conditional on se-

curing a lifting of the ban, or

even that it would start retal-

latory measures, disappeared

in the face of combined resis-

tance from the 14 other mem-

ber states to offer anything other than the minor face-sav-ing formula that Britain had

As the impact of communism on: rural China wanes. people are returning to old beliefs and ancient rituals.

it risks losing

its 48,000-strong workforce that

Mr Hogg offered as proof that the ban was soon to be lifted the hope that the Euro-pean veterinary experts' com-

mittee might next week

recommend the lifting of the ban on beef byproducts such as gelatine, tallow and semen. But other ministers immedi-

ately dismissed that hope as

unrealistic.

business to rivals because it makes too many mistalkes Sport

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Last night there were made a start in tackling the reports of John Major's anger problem.

### Sketch

# To scowl and not be a villain



Simon Hoggart

seat, scowling. That scowl is Mr Heseltine's plotting face. Actually, he resembles wicked uncle Scar more than the king himself, or even the vulnerable little cub, voiced by John Major in the

The scowl is supposed to sig-nal: "I am defending this little cub. Whoever dares to threaten him will have me to deal with first." Of course, it really means the exact oppo-site. If I were Mr Major, and had a wing mirror fitted to my glasses so that I could see the expression on the Deputy
Prime Minister's face, I would
be worried by that glower.
Like all good assassins Mr

Heseltine must not be seen carrying the fizzing bomb on to the streets. If, say, the Tories lose 800 council seats tomorrow, we can expect to hear him touring the radio and TV studios on Friday pledging undying fidelity to Mr Major, angrily denouncing anyone who dares to hint that the party might improve its chances of re-election by

He will snarl committedly, he will jabber faithfully, and spit in the face of those who think to question his un-

quenchable fealty. Then he will go home and hope that the riff-raff who run the 1922 Committee, the men in shell suits, will have told the Prime Minister to go by

It was Paddy Ashdown who raised the topic first. Hezza pointed his face in the direction of the Liberal benches and looked rubber daggers at their leader. Mr Ashdown said pompously that he believed Mr Major to be an honourable man (which is a bit like telling an all-in wrestler that he's good at origami; it's quite irrelevant to the trade)

"Will you confirm therefore that you understand that if,

Andrew Clements

THE South Bank's Harri-

son Birtwistle festival, Secret Theatres, has not

just been a retrospective; it

also includes three premières.

The series will end on Satur-

mance of a set of Birtwistle's

arrangements of Bach chorale preludes; last Friday Joanna MacGregor and the London

Sinfonietta introduced Slow

Frieze, a new work for plano and chamber orchestra, while in the Queen Elizabeth Hall

yesterday there was the British première of an evening-

long cycle of songs and string quartet pieces that Birtwistle has called Pulse Shadows.

Though the two works are

not thematically connected in

any way, the idea of musical "friezes" runs through both.

In the Sinfonietta piece it is the unchanging endless mel-

odies of the orchestral wind

off by the percussion, that

vide the backdrop to the pi-

instruments, switched on and

give the work its title and pro-

ano's highly charged, linger-

ing solos and the remorseless

clockworks of the strings. In Pulse Shadows four of the

quartet movements are labelled as Friezes; the other

This nine-movement se-

a substantial, free-standing work but it can also be inter-

locked, as it was here, with

Romanian poet Paul Celan, sung in the English transla-tions of Michael Hamburger.

nine songs, all of them settings of the poems of the Jewish-

quence can be played alone as

five are Fantasias.

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day with the first perfor-

Pulse Shadows

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Frieze frames

vivid premières

First night

once again, Conservative MPs should seek to change the Prime Minister, while deny-ing the country the chance to change the Government, that will be totally unacceptable

On and on Mr Ashdown blethered. What he meant was, if they kick you out of the party, will you dynamite the

place on your way? At this point Mr Major had a tricky choice. Either he could make a ringing and scornful denunciation of all those who thought his position as Dear Leader of the Thankful British People was in doubt. Or he could say something Majorish

The trouble with ringing de nunciations is that they make for embarrassing headlines. "Major: I'm Not Quitting" tends to translate in MPs' minds as "Major: I Know I've Had It". So he said Majorish-ly: "I fear you are dealing in

fantasy again!" A Labour MP, Mike O'Brlen (Warwick N), asked about the rumour that Mr Major had agreed to make way for his deputy if tomorrow's results are even worse than expected (which means truly

Mr O'Brien added: "You have the support of at least half of those on the Conservative benches and everyone on

Mr Major replied with another of his not-quite-right cir-cumlocutions: "I suspect you are in mischief-making mode." He had certainly rumbled Mr O'Brien's little game!
Labour MPs bayed in happy
amusement. Puzzlingly, the
Prime Minister added: "Clearly he wasn't in mis-chief-making mode. He was

just being silly! George Foulkes (Lab. Car-rick) produced much the same line, and was similarly Ma-jored: "I have no intention of accommodating your silly question!"

At one point he made a mis-take. Asked to comment on Cedric Brown and the rising number of complaints to British Gas, he said: "I believe people, when they get an un-satisfactory service, are right to complain!

Labour MPs chortled mer-rily. Michael Heseltine glowered furiously for their rude ness to the Once and Future Leader, who must be in bigge

They are dark,

introspective texts, clipped

and aphoristic in style; they

guage work for everything it

Scored for soprano and an ensemble for two clarinets an

three strings, Birtwistle's

musical responses are eco-nomical and tightly impacted

There are occasional echoes of

earlier works but there is also

much of the writing too.

are poems that make every syllable tell, make the lan-

struggles to express.



# France's 'living saint' falls from grace

Paul Webster in Paris

BBE PIERRE, who barely a week ago was seen as a living estat harely a week ago was seen as a living saint, has plunged from being France's most popular figure to its national pariah, accused of casting doubt on Nazi crimes against Jews.

The Franciscan priest, aged \$3, who smuggled aged 83, who smuggled Jews out of France during the second world war and influenced both Socialist and Gaullist governments, has been rejected by the Catholic Church, the Jewish community, human rights' organisations and

his closest friends. For more than 50 years. Celan has fascinated Birtwis-tle for some years; he first set Abbé Pierre, whose real name is Henri Groues. one of his poems in 1989 before he began work on his Covent fought a lonely battle for the poor and homeless through his world-wide Emmaus organisation. Garden opera Gawain, and he has returned to them repeat-edly since, building up this

His campaigns became nmeshed with those of three other human rights evangelists: Bernard Couchner, the former humanitarian affairs minis-ter, Jacques Gaillot, the former Bishop of Evreux,

and Leon Schwartzenberg, a crusading cancer expert. All three have turned or him publicly since he criticised the prosecution of the philosopher Roger Gar-audy, aged 83, whose book, The Founding Myths of Israeli Politics, questions the extent of the Holocaust. The only other signifi-

cant public support for Mr Garaudy, who risks jail for denying Nazi war crimes, has come from the Britishyou haven't read the book but then what are you talking about?

This confession, in my view, is the worst sin you have ever committed.'

born revisionist historian Robert Faurrison. Mr Kouchner, who co wrote a book with Abbe Pierre, published an article in Le Monde. "How can you stand at the side of this swine, mon père?" he asked, referring to Mr Garaudy, a former Communist who

converted to Islam. Abbé Pierre defended himself in Libération, after saying Mr Garaudy had the right to express his views.

Of course, I know | He denied accusations of anti-Semitism and called for debate on the accuracy of Holocaust research. The defence changed em

barrassed reaction into a fury of condemnation, in-

The Gaullist justice minister, Jacques Toubon, ex-pressed official disapwhile Archbishop of Paris, Jean-Marie Lustiger, led Catholie bishops in deploring

Abbé Pierre's "scandalous" support for Mr Garaudy. With his moral authority in tatters, the priest is in retreat in a Norman monastery. Last night, he told the grand rabbi he condemne the trivialisation and denial of the Holocaust, but that Mr Garaudy's book remained on his desk.

# It was business as normal, says Cantona case accused

**Vivek Chaudhary** 

a new emotionalism about ATTHEW Simmons, the Crystal Palace fan who was the target of Eric Can-tona's kung fu kick, claimed yesterday that he was merely on his way to the toilet when string quartet pieces too. The five Fantasias are free, discur sive movements, sometimes recalling the quartet writing he was attacked, and did nothing to provoke the Man-chester United footballer. of Alban Berg, sometimes the concision of Webern. The

Friezes are much more Simmons, aged 21, told strictly circumscribed: single non-developing ideas laid end to end, yet defined by their physical energy just as much as the Fantasias tend to be withdrawn and introspective. What never changes though is the commitment of Birtwis

tle's interpreters — just as MacGregor and the Simonietta under Markus Steriz had given a superb account of Slow Frieze, so the wondrously accurate Arditti Quartet, the soprano Claron McFadden and Capricorn con ducted by Lionel Friend made sure the new world of Pulse Shadows was just as vividly

This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

Simmons, of Thornton charge of using threatening abusive or insulting words

Croydon magistrates' court. south London, that he was making his way there seconds after Cantona had been sent off in the Premier League game against Manchester United in January 1995 at Sel-hurst Park, Crystal Palace's

"The crowd was very noisy." he said. "Everyone was cheering and shouting, everyone was pleased that he Cantonal had been sent off,

just shouting 'Off, off, off' and | his seat to hurl racial abuse at pointing towards the dressing

Heath, Surrey, denies using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour likely to cause unlawful vio lence by another person.

within the hearing of a per son likely to be caused har rassment, alarm or distress. Asked by Jeffrey McCann prosecuting, if he racially abused Cantona, Simmons replied: "I never used any vile cerned, I was doing nothing wrong to deserve them

"I was going about my normal business, watching a foot-ball match."

Cantonal had been sent off, ne included.

"Like any normal fan, I was told that Simmons, a former Crystal Palace season

Cantona as he made his way off the pitch.

James Mulligan, a Man-chester United fan from Lou-don who was sitting in the same stand as Simmons, said: "I saw a person who I now know to be Matthew Simmons make his way down the aisle and stand a few feet away from me.
"He was making gestures

and abusing Cantona ver-bally, Matthew Simmons was swearing loudly and repeat-edly. He called Cantona a fucking French wanker." Crystal Palace steward John Wood said he noticed Simmons leaning over the barrier making gestures at Simmons, who has been

banned from Selhurst Park since the incident, told the court that he had gone voluntarily to the police to give his version of events. The hearing continues.



Matthew Simmons . . . was just shouting 'off, off, off'

# **Defensive PM attacks** crime leak

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

terday thrown on to the defensive in the face of the disclosure that the crime rate is rising

remorselessly again.
The Prime Minister even went as far as repudiating some of the Home Office's most senior officials by insisting that parts of the official minute recording their meeting last week and leaked to the Guardian were

But in the face of repeated challenges by Tony Blair to "come clean". Mr Major refused to detail the inaccuracies and failed to deny the central disclosure that the crime rate rose by four per cent over the year to January. cent over the year to January 1996, continued to rise in February and now appears to be on an upward trend.

Nor did he deny that the Prison Service Director Gen-eral, Richard Tilt, will meet eral, Richard Tilt, will meet the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, this week to raise serious auxieties about the rising prison population. The intensity of the row-revealed the political impor-tance attached by the Govern-ment to a leak of the crime-figures especially just before a key set of local elections. The Home Office warning

The Rome Office warning that the rise in the prison population was outstripping official forecasts at the same time that crime was rising also called into question for penal reformers the Home Secretary's claim that "prison works" in cutting

The disclosure also sparked furious exchange of correspondence between Mr How-ard and his Labour counterpart, Jack Strew. Mr Howard

instead disputed the detail of the figures, insisting that the increases had only taken place in four out of the last six months for which there were official figures.

"Monthly figures are al-ways volatile but as it hap-pens recorded crime fell in each of the last two months of 1995 - the latest complete monthly figures available," said Mr Howard claiming this disproved the statement in the Home Office minute that risen for six consecutive

Last Thursday when asked to comment in the Commons figures" Mr Howard made no mention of increases in crime. Instead all he told MPs largest ever continuous fall in the number of annually recorded crimes." He omitted o say that the recorded crime figures saw a net rise of 28,000 offences in the last six

months of 1995. In the Commons Mr Major also blocked all de-mands to explain how the leaked minute was inaccurate, saying only that "when we have the figures available we will publish them in the normal way." Later it emerged that the only inaccurate figure in the document was the size of the prison pop-ulation which was recorded in the minute as standing at a record 54,974. The correct fig-ure is 53,974.

Mr Straw said the revela-tions had seriously under-mined the Government's claim to be "turning the tide on crime" adding that Mr Major and Mr Howard had "dined out on recent minor falls in the crime figures yet

Record	ed crimei Jul	y 1995 to Feb	nary 1996
Month	Offenoes	Change compare	d with 1094-199
Jul	416,253	+8,269	(+2.03%)
Aug	423,121	-4,248	(-0.99%)
Sep	418,957	+8,439	(+2.06%)
Oct	454,391	+26,132	(+6.10%)
Nov	443,021	-11,088	(-2.44%)
Dec	427,964	-62	(-0.01%)
Jan	n/a	n/a	(+4.00%)
Feb	n/a	n/a	(+2.00%)
Sourse: Home	Office.		

# fury of condemnation, intensifed by a unanimous media assault yesterday. The League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism told the priest to resign from its committee. Jean Kahn, the president of the Jewish consistory, echoed the chief rabbi, Joseph Sitruk, by calling the priest's attitude "dramatic, disappointing and unacceptable". The Gaullist instice min-

Michael White

ICHAEL Heseltine again rode to John Major's rescue last night when he squashed pre-dictions of another looming Tory leadership crisis in the wake of expected humiliation in tomorrow's local govern ment elections.

To make his intentions abundantly clear, Mr Hesel-tine diverted some of his firepower away from Labour in order to warn the Euro-scep-tic Right and their media allies against "the narrow pur-suit of ideological purity" that would alienate floating voters — not something an as-piring candidate would risk ahead of a supposed contest.

Leaders must strike a pol-icy balance at the very time when significant parts of (their) core support genuinely believe that the right way to attract uncommitted voters is to accentuate the policies that particularly appeal to the basic core." Mr Heseltine warned.

As for Sir James Goldsmith's threat to run Referen-dum Party candidates, he said: "I find it incomprehensible that the more Euro-sceptical some people and news-papers become, the more they seem to risk the prospects of a craven Labour government, committed to the very poli-cies they hate most."

Since the Deputy Prime Minister made his boss's case more effectively than Mr Major himself did at Question halls controls time's speech to the left-leaning Tory Reform Group (TRG) will not deter backbenchers page 9

determined to stir up trouble if tomorrow's defeat in the town halls is worse than the

expected 500-plus.

Cynics will insist he knows perfectly well that a high-profile speech will neutralise protestations of loyalty. But Mr Heseltine mocked media 'mischief' and told newspapers to put the real news a reviving economy -- on

their front pages. With Labour stirring furiously and ministers again in retreat over key Commons bills, both party and Downing Street officials dismissed as baloney" revived speculation about a pact during last year's Redwood challenge under which Mr Major agreed to stand aside for his deputy if Tory fortunes had not improved by this summer.

When the Prime Minister was taunted about it by Labour and Lib Dem MPs yesterday, he called it fantasy but forgot to add that he into the coming election something his staff was left to Mr Reseltine was in no

doubt as he lavished praise on Mr Major's "bold and brave campaigning' recession in 1992 The main thrust of Mr He-

seltine's speech last night was a familiar attack on New Labour as little different from Old Labour, still the creature of trade unions and other ble of implementing Blairite rhetoric in the many town halls Labour actually controls.

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### Police hold 17 over tickets

**Owen Bowcott** 

DETECTIVES from Scotland Yard's football intelligence unit arrested. 17 people in London yesterday in raids on ticket agencies of fering executive hospitality deals for next month's FA Cup Final and the Euro 96

The raids followed mounting concern over the way game in the Euseats have been sold through onships for £300.

outlets other than the approved Euro 96 agency, Syn-

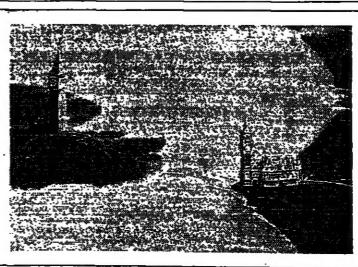
Among the companies visited by police was the National Sporting Club, founded in 1891, whose chairman is the former England Test bowler Bob Willis. The club, operated under licence by Mr Willis and his brother David, was offering ticket packages for the opening game in the Euro 96 champiCruise around the clock to Calais...

RELAX and just cruise across from Dover to Calais

the shortest sea route to France. Large, luxurious car ferries with shops, restaurants and entertainment on board, plus hovercraft, provide rapid, comfortable crossings with a departure every thirty minutes. Fast on and off loading on both sides of the Channel helps to speed your journey. Instant motorway access from

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# Most were a bit manic, but the men of verse fared well compared with playwrights







# Poets 'least mad of the literati'

Psychiatrist's study gives the lie to **Lord Byron** 

Chris Mihill

IS a myth that all poets are mad - the real sufferers of mental nstability are to be ound among novelists and playwrights, a psychia-

Felix Post argues contrary to popular belief, and the famous saying of Lord Byron, poets live rela-tively stable lives, although of mental instability and their problems are greater than those of the general

Poets tend to be more prone to mood swings but in general they have escaped other forms of men-tal illness and seem to have more ordered lives than novelists or playwrights.

Dr Post has drawn up a psychopathology "league table" of 100 famous American and British novelists, poets and playwrights. ranking them according to events such as alcoholism, marriage failure or suicide. and by psychiatric traits such as manic depression. "A suspicion that — con-

How	sane	are	the	great	writers	?

	Hallings for severity of payerobathology (0 = very severe)							
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Poets	R. S. Bridges W. C. Bryant K. Douglas		A. E. Housman H. W. Longfellow W. Whitmen W. Wordsworth	A. Tennyson H. D. Thoreau	E. Pound		H. H. Crene	
Poets, also prose writers	O. W Holmes	W. de la Mare	T. Hardy R. Kipling	R. Graves	A.C. Świnbume	E. A. Poe		
Poets, also play writers			W. B. Yests		W, H. Auden T, S. Ellot	R.T.S. Lowell	W. Faulkner	
Prose writer	G. Orwell	G. Onwell	J. Conrad C. Dickens H. James	H. G. Wells	W. M. Thackeray	E. Hemmingway J. Joyce	S. F. Fitzgerald E. Waugh	

Play and prose writers

trary to Lord Byron's dietum, all poets are mad. — poets might be somewhat

only 4 per cent of play-wrights," he says. Dr Post puts forward a theory that instead of genius being caused by

order were found in 14 per cent of poets, as against 7 per cent of novelists and

more stable, hardened into an impression when no traits of personality dis-

ess," it is the intense

mental effort required for verbal creativity of the highest order that cause changes in the neural path-

J. M. Barrie J. B. Priestley

O. Wilde

ways of the brain. In the ranking of Dr Post's psychiatric league table — which contains a scale of zero to six, with zero being the sanest — the most disturbed writers include the American poets John Berryman (1914-72) and Hart Crane (1899-1932), both of whom committed

suicide. Others scoring a six for extreme behaviour Robert Lowell, who suffered bouts of manic illness and are Scott Fitzgerald, Evelyn heavy drinking. They share Waugh, William Faulkner the ranking with Ernest Hemingway, James Joyce, Eugene O'Neill and Edgar Allan Poe. and Tennessee Williams.

Those scoring a zero, for the sanest behaviour, include the poets Robert Bridges, William Bryant, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Sidney Lanier.

But Dylan Thomas ranks a five, as does John Clare (1793-1864), who spent much of his life in an asylum, and

characteristics of 300 famously gifted men, covering ers, scientists, politicians and philosophers. He con-cluded that writers were the most disturbed, so he decided to extend his study to see if mental illness was related to specific forms of

writing. In his latest study, pub-lished in the British Journal of Psychiatry, he says that only 31 per cent of the poets in his group suffered

with 54 per cent of the playwrights. Forty-three per cent of the poets died over the age of 74, as against only 24 per cent of the novelists and 38 per cent of the playwrights. The playwrights had a 71 per cent rate of broken or problematic marriages compared with 54 per cent of the novelists and only 26 per cent of the poets.

In terms of mental illness such as manic depression, severe depression and mood swings, none of the groups fared well, but 80 per cent of poets had symptoms compared with 87 per

cent of playwrights. He concludes: "Against expectation, poets were somewhat less burdened than writers of prose fic-tion, and especially plays, Oscar Wilde rates a three, WB Yeats a two, and George Orwell a one. Ezra Pound, TS Eliot and WH by personality deviance, psycho-sexual and marital Auden all manage a four. Dr Post published a previ-

problems."
Dr Post did not look at ous study in 1994, which female writers, or living looked at the psychiatric authors.

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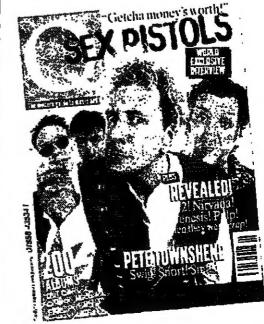
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# Mandela faces turmoil

David Beresford in Johannesburg

RESIDENT Nelson Mandela's difficulties in controlling an in-creasingly turbulent South Africa were highlighted yes-terday when a one-day strike turned ugly, with an attack on a leading MP.

Strikers took to the streets against politicians whom they accuse of trying to enshrine inequality in the postapartheid constitution. The issue we are fighting

is a serious attempt by the National Party, by the Democratic Party and by ... big business in South Africa to entrench inequality, to en-trench the consequences of colonialism. Zwelinzima Vavi, the deputy leader of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) told thousands of workers marching through Johannesburg.
Tony Leon, the leader of the

Democratic Party and a vocal critic of the government, was punched in the face as he ran punched in the face as he ran the gauntlet of trade union likely to take place. Although

demonstrators outside the the currency steaded on parliament in Cape Town. He had just collected a memorandum from Cosatu's secretary general, Sam Shilowa, protesting against opposition attempts to enshrine employ-ers' rights to a "lock-out" in

the constitution. In Pretoria, the deputy leader of the Democratic Party. William Mnisi, had to be whisked to safety by police and marshals when a crowd shouted threats to kill him.

The incidents are embarrassing for President Mandela and the African National Congress, who have been caught in a dilemma by the strike. The ANC last week backed the protest, anxious to align themselves with their Cosatu allies. They were wrong-footed by the dramatic collapse of the rand at the end of the week, the strike being seen as a contributory factor. The government was reported to have faxed its em-

bassies at the weekend, urging them to circulate word be fore the financial markets Monday morning, that seemed a result of the Reserve Bank hiking up interest rates. Cosatu's insistence on holding the strike at a time of economic crisis has left the im-pression that the Mandela administration is unable to

control its own constituency. Support for the strike was uneven yesterday. The main mining company, Anglo American, said about 15 per cent of their workers stayed away. Durban business reported about 50 per cent support for the strike. The car industry in the Eastern Cape was effectively shut down.

while, in the Cape Town area, the stayaway had little appar-Cosatu strike organisers said between 40 and 70 per cent of workers in some key industries had downed tools.

• President Mandela's Truth
Commission suffered a serious blow at the hands of the supreme court, which ordered it to open its confidential files to security force per

sonnel accused of atrocities during the apartheid era.

lan King

ERRY operator P&O yesterday admitted pas-senger numbers on the Dover-Calais route had dived by almost a fifth over the past year and blamed Eurotunnel. Passenger numbers on the

route slipped from 1.9 million in the first three months of 1995 to just under 1.6 million in the same period this year. The number of cars using the service fell by almost a quarter, from 380,391 to 292,780. The company insisted the falls had been predictable. "As expected, P&O's carryings continued to fall as Eurotunnel's Le Shuttle service approached its natural share of the market," it said.

"During the period, Le Shuttle increased its tourist vehicle market share from approximately 20 per cent to 40 per cent. It has stayed around this level for the first three months of 1996." P&O also highlighted fig-

ires suggesting that its share of the lucrative freight market on the Dover-Calais run - one of the worst results in

P&O admits Chunnel blow

T.Williams

corporate history — responded gleefully to P&O's figures, saying the tide was still running in its favour. Eurotunnel's co-chairman

Sir Alastair Morton — who last week promised the ferry operators "more grief" — said: "We know people like the service that we offer, and today's news further underscores customer preference for Le Shuttle."
Eurotunnel is shortly ex-

pected to announce further price cuts, prompting another price war. Already, Stena Sea-link, the Swedish-owned ferry operator, has announced price cuts on its duty free side this month to compete with Eurotunnel, whose range includes cigarettes at £1 a pack.
P & O yesterday denied reports that it is planning to nerge its cross-Channel oper ations with Stena, which has also seen its market share dented by Le Shuttle. How

had been far less severely hit. send a dossler to the Office of But Eurotunnel, which last week announced pre-tax losses for 1995 of £925 million badly it has been hit by

P&O wants the Government to scrap undertakings it gave three years ago not to merge with rivals like Stena. It will argue that the under takings, demanded to pre-serve competition and to help Eurotunnel establish itself, have been rendered pointless by Eurotunnel's successful

entry to the market.

P & O's corporate affairs director, Peter Smlth, said: "We have always been unhappy about the undertakings, and regard them as unhelpful. We are looking for medium-term consolidation among the ferry operators — something will come inevitably."

Stena also denied the talk, but it is known that Stena's managing director, Gareth Cooper, is thought to have called in a presentation last week to MPs for a change in cross-Channel competition

### Hogg fails to get European beef ban lifted

ever, the group is expected to

continued from page I tional measures particularly argeted on herds where a significant number of cases of BSE has been detected."

It warned that only when the unspecified extra measures are put in place, together with those already announced; and following surveillance from the Euro- by 15 to 30 per cent. The gress was a "serious pean Commission, could a report demanded more de setback".

step-by-step lifting of the ban | tailed measures, improved be contemplated.

A report by member states' chief veterinary officers, was even more uncompromising, calling for a more extensive culling of cattle than the extra 42,000 offered by the British last week, estimated to reduce the incidence of the disease

supervision, better identification of animals at risk of the controls over animal movements within Britain:

The shadow agriculture minister, Gavin Strang, said the Government's failure to secure any significant pro-



If this is really the best the House can offer, God preserve us from its worst. Swarms of non-sequiturs flapped and buzzed through the chamber as self-righteous politicians boasted of their unswerving commitment to the sanctity of marriage.

Francis Wheen G2 page 5

**News in brief** 

### 'Road rage' killer jailed for four years

A MOTORIST who ran over and killed a man as he lay injured following a hit-and-run accident was jailed for four years yes-

terday after being convicted of manslaughter.
Leeds crown court was told Paul Conlon, aged 28, from Leeds,
killed Wayne Margrave in a fit of "road rage". Nadine Woolford, who was cradling Mr Margrave in the road, was seriously
injured in the incident and Conlon was sentenced to 18 months. to run concurrently, for causing ber grievous bodily harm, He was also disqualified from driving for 12 years. He was acquit-

ted of murder and grievous bodily harm with intent. Mr Margrave had been injured by a hit-and-run driver, the court heard, and as Miss Woolford cradled his head, Conlon, furious at fraffic delays caused by the accident, forced his way through the jam. When other drivers remonstrated with him, he drove back and ran over the couple, crushing Mr Margrave

### Funfair attack girl dies

A 13-YEAR-OLD girl died yesterday after receiving serious head injuries when she was attacked near a funfair at around 8pm on. Monday.

A post mortem examination was due to be carried out last night on Louise Allen, from Corby, Northamptonshire, whom police believe was attacked in a fight near the funfair. Two 13-year-old girls have been arrested and are helping police with inquiries. The fair was due to be closed last night to allow police to make inquiries in the area

### Children hurt in bus crash

FIFTY children were treated in hospital for shock and minor injuries yesterday after two packed double-deck bases collided on a regular school run in heavy rain.

Pupils from Boston Spa comprehensive school, West Yorkshire, were thrown into the alses of their 76-seater school bus when it shunted into the rear of an ordinary service bus to Wetherby, which was also full. More than 100 children were involved in the 8.30am crash on Tenter Bridge, over the A1 Great North Road, north-east of Leeds.

Police are examining the vehicles after unconfirmed reports that the brakes on the school bus had either locked on the wet road or failed. — Martin Wainwright

### Baby deaths prompt ban

after two babies died and a third had part of an arm amputated due to fungal infection contracted from the equipment.

The infections occurred at the Birmingham Women's Health-

care Trust, where the spatulas, usually used as tongue depressors, were being used to keep the arms of babies still while tubes where inserted. A fourth baby was infected but recovered, only to die later of complications of prematurity.

A micro-organism called rhizopus microsporus, which was traced to the spatulas, damages blood vessels, blocking the blood supply around the body. A Department of Health spokesman said that following the cases the Medicines Devices Agency, which controls the safety of NHS equipment, had told all hospitals not to use the depressors as splints. The hospital said plastic spatulas were now being used instead. — Chris Mihili

### 'Tougher' tests for pupils

some maths papers.

The £27 million national curriculum testing programme involving 1.8 million pupils in England would also give teachers and parents more detailed information, said Nick Tate, chief executive of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

Next week 14-year-olds start key stage 3 tests in English, maths

### BBC 5 Live is national station of the year as Virgin pips 'saviour' Evans in Sony awards



Radio 5 Live controller Jenny Abramsky with presenter John Inverdale, whose Inverdale Nationwide show won the Sony news and current affairs award

# 'Radio Bloke' seals BBC day of triumph

Andrew Cult

Media Correspor

ADIO 5 Live, the BBC's news and sports network, was yesterday named national station of the year at the Sony radio awards, the industry's equivalent of the Oscars.

The two-year-old station beat off competition from the rejuvenated Radio 1, and took five other awards on a day of triumph for BBC radio.

The only surprise was the defeat of Chris Evans, hailed music-based breakfast programme category by Virgin Radio's Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience, star-ring Russ Williams and Jona-But Evans, who last week

renewed his production company's £1.5 million contract with Radio 1 for a year, was named national broadcaster of the year for boosting the station's audience share.

Matthew Bannister, Radio 1 controller, said: "Chris is the most talented broadcaster of his generation and adding a million listeners in just nine months is an extraordinary single-handed achievement."

Radio 5 Live, which has silenced pre-launch critics who labelled it "Radio Bloke", succeeds Radio 2 as PHOTOGRAPH: DAVID SILLITOE national station of the year.

### Sony radio awards '96

- O UK station of the years Proto 5 Live
- O UK brondcaster of the years Chris Evans (Radio 1)
- O Breakfast show (music): Russ and Jono (Virgin Radio) @ Brankfast show (speech): Europe Today (BBC Wo
- O News and current affairs: inverdela Nationwide (Radio 5 Live)
- O News presentation: The Breakfast Programme (Radio 5 Live)
- O Pladio journalist: Jon Silverman (Radio 4)
- O Sports programmae Rydar Cup coverage (Radio 5 Live)
- O Music presenter: Brien Kay (Radio 3)

O Gold award: Richard Baker (Classic FM)

The judges said: "The excel-lent team of sports presenters deliver clear, exciting and informed broadcasting, so en-gaging that it makes listeners feel they are actually there at the event itself."

The triumph was hailed by controller Jenny Abramsky, who said: "We now have a station which is both fun and of the highest quality, report-ing to the whole of the UK."

The station's awards in-cluded two for coverage of

last year's Ryder Cup golf, which was otherwise avail-

which was otherwise available only on satellite TV.
Michael Green, acting managing director of BBC Network Radio, said the awards reflected "the great strength in depth of what we do".

Winners
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Pyons Campbell (Radio 4); Sports broadcastler: Jonathan Pearce (Capital Gold);
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THE Department of Health yesterday banned hospitals from using wooden spatulas as makeshift splints for premature babies

NATIONAL reading and science tests for seven and 11-year-olds will be tougher than last year, the Government's curriculum advisers revealed yesterday. Calculators are also to be banned in

and science and 11-year-olds will sit their tests the following week
Teacher assessment and testing of seven-year-olds has started
and will run to the end of May. — Donald MacLeod

# Tough going as stations to find listeners

Andrew Culf on radio newcomers

ORE than 800 of the great and good in broadcasting gathered at London's Grosvenor House hotel yesterday to tuck into mousse d'avocat en salade and aiguillettes de canard limousine

For nearly four hours they applauded the cream of the radio industry as they collected their rewards in the 1996 Sony radio awards. But another side of the industry was not reflected at

the glamorous ceremony: the increasing number of beleaguered stations, saddled with financial problems as they struggle to stay on the airwaves. For many stations

launched on a tide of optimistic hype — the struggle is simply one of getting their voices heard above the escopiony on the overcrowded radio dial. At Vival 963AM, the

Lynne Franks, the mood is one of crisis. Instead of a target audience of 400,000, it is attracting only 59,000 listeners a week.
At times at weekends the

Jazz FM

Surries Radio

Struggling to be heard

audience is so small that RAJAR, the radio research women-only station body, is unable to measure launched nine months ago it. The dashes on the halfby public relations guru hourly audience charts

reveal fewer than 500 people tuned in In parts of the M25 listen-

ing area, Viva! — which was backed by luminaries including the literary agent Deborah Owen and Labour's style adviser, Barbara Follett - cannot be heard because of transmitter

The station, owned by Golden Rose Communications, is to relaunch when it has worked out how to boost its signal.

David Heron, managing

director of Premier, London's Christian radio service, has had to cut staff from 62 to 26 but said the station was breaking even on monthly running costs of£100,000.

Premier had 193,000 listeners a week in the final quarter of last year — only 2 per cent of the available audience within the M25 listening area. Mr Heron said he hoped for 300.000 by the end of the year and 500,000 in the longer term.

Talk Radio UK, losing up to £1 million a month, has yet to break through the 2 million audience barrier. Michael Green, acting managing director of BBC Network Radio, said it was becoming harder to win a

tion that stands out." In six years the number local commercial stations has increased from 90 to 174 and a further 32

and a programme proposi-

licences are in the pipeline. Tony Stoller, the Radio Authority's chief executive, ienied that the market was being saturated. The authority had a statutory duty to dvertise frequencies where enough demand existed, but it took time for new formats

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to get established.
"Each one of the commercial giants had trouble establishing itself," he said.
"This is a lively, competitive industry and there will

be an occasional failure."

Douglas McArthur, managing director of the Radio aging director of the Radio Advertising Bureau, said commercial radio was en-joying a healthy perfor-mance, with revenue grow-ing by 23 per cent in 1995. "Lots of people still want to place in the market. "Any newcomer will need deep new entrants have found it tougher than expected."

Tanzanian tax clearance cer-

tificate stamped on her passport indicates residence in that country "rather than

something more temporary."

She says it has been standard practice for volunteers in Tanzania to get tax clear-

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# Overseas voluntary worker fails Lilley's 'benefit tourist' test

David Brindle, Social

**VOLUNTARY** worker who spent 19 months in Tanzania cannot claim Tanzania cannot claim social security benefits after failing a government residence test to curb "benefit tourism".

The Benefits Agency has told Jennifer Semahimbo, who was working for Volunnow re-establish her habitual residence in Britain despite the fact that she kept her mortgaged home in Birming-ham while she was in

The agency said that three months is "likely to be sufficient" for her to re-establish "I thought there must have

been some mistake when they asked me for an interview and told me to bring my pass-port," said Mrs Semahimbo, the first VSO worker to fail Mrs Semahimbo, who mar-

ried a Tanzanian during her VSO work, knew nothing of the test introduced while she was abroad.
"I was shocked to discover

it was a problem. I feel I am heing penalised for marrying a foreign national and help-ing others. What has hap-pened to the spirit of volunteerism that this government claims to foster?" The residence test was

brought in by Peter Lilley, Social Security Secretary, in 1994 to deter foreign nationals, particularly young Europeans, coming to Britain to
claim henefits. Figures
released by the DSS this week
show that 14,032 Europeans
have failed the test, as have \$25 a week.



9.738 British citizens, Mrs Semahimbo, 43, a qualified social worker, gave up her £19,000-a-year job as a court

Jennifer and Juma Semahimbo: 'Penalised for marrying a She returned to Britain to marry her husband Juma to help convince immigration authorities that their mar-

> finish her contract. The decision on Mrs Semahimbo's residence test says a

ance stamps to speed their de-parture from the country. VSO confirms this. The case has alarmed VSO. Other returning volunteers have been subjected to the residence test. The charity which has 1,900 volunteers overseas at any one time, has asked the Government's Overseas Development Administration to intervene. A spokeswoman for the ODA, which provides £19 million annual funding for VSO, said yesterday that officials were 'in contact" with the DSS about the case. The Semahimbos have been living on £48.25 weekly unem-ployment benefit to which Mrs Semahimbo is entitled thanks to National Insurance her by VSO. Mrs Semahimbo hopes today to start three weeks' temporary work, but her 36-year-old husband, an electrician, has not found

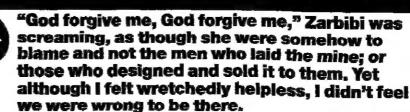
employment.

• A Dutch mother yesterday won a High Court battle for benefits which could help other European Union nationals making similar claims.

Mery Wolke, 24, unemployed, has a three-year-old

boy and wants to remain in Britain to maintain contact with the father, from whom she is separated.

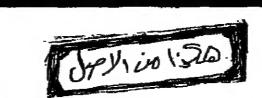
riage was genuine. The cou-ple then went back to Tanza-Last year she received a Home Office letter saying she nia for Mrs Semahimbo to had become "a burden on the state." But Mr Justice Popplewell said she was entitled to the money.



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John Simpson





# Nick Davies on an operation to recruit a Jamaican 'supergrass' which uncovered more than police wanted to know Yard's Yardie is too hot to handle

West Indian's life of crime in UK and Jamaica hushed up by Home Office





Eaton Green, left, seen in a security video, has been an embarrassment to his handlers, even though he led to the conviction of Rohan 'Bumpy' Thomas, right, and another man for holding up 150 people at a party

N UNDERCOVER Yard's face, leading to accusations that officers are failing to act on allegations of serious crime including murder.

The operation is the latest twist in the saga of Eaton Green, aged 28, a "Yardie" (Jamaican gangster) gunman who caused a minor scandal last year when it was disclosed that for more than two years he had been a paid in-formant for Scotland Yard and that his handlers had allowed him to bring known Yardies into the country.

Green's cover was blown when he was put on trial for an armed robbery in Nottingham. At a retrial, he gave evidence for the prosecution, as a result of which, last October, two Yardies received long prison sentences and Green was jailed for six years. Metropolitan police safe house, where he agreed to become a supergrass, providing a detailed confession of his life of crime. But he disclosed information which was so embarrassing that according to senior sources in the Home

Office, it has been suppressed. The sources say Green has confessed to at least 10 murders in Jamaica, some of them allegedly ordered by leading politicians. He also told police he had lied under oath, which could lead to the release of dangerous gunmen convicted on his evidence. Green confessed to a series

of violent crimes in the United Kingdom during the two years when he was a Scot-land Yard informer. There is evidence that his police handlers knew about some of his London crimes and that — in a breach of Home Office rules - they protected him when other London detectives wanted to charge him. Previ-The Guardian has learned ously, Green denied under if they embarrass the Jamaithat Green was taken from oath that he committed can authorities by presenting prison last November to a crimes while an informer.

named senior figures who lose the assistance of Jamai-still hold power in Kingston. But the Home Office But the Home Office sources say that, months later, the Yard has neither made any outside inquiry into his con-

supplying them with valuable intelligence on the Yardies.

It is understood that Green has admitted that he rou They also allegedly fear that if they disclose Green's tinely used a firearm, committed armed robberies, bought and sold large quanti-

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Prosecution Service, Interpol

or the Jamaican authorities. Officers are said to be worried that if the truth about their informant's alleged murderous history comes out the Yard will look foolish for employing a professional kill-er without checking his past. They are also said to fear that

warded details to the Crown | will have to allow him to be | ties of crack cocaine, and ran extradited, in which case he is likely to be executed or murdered in prison — a fate from which they wish to protect their man.

According to the Home Office sources, other detec-tives in London came across evidence of the crimes Green says he committed while on Scotland Yard's payroll, but were blocked from investigat-ing them by his handlers,

protection rackets in south London where he and his "crew" extorted money from black businesses. He was never prosecuted for any of these offences, and was finally brought to book only he committed the armed robbery in Notting-ham where his handlers were unable to protect him.

former on the streets. Home Office guidelines forbid this.

At the end of the Leicester duced a row between Scotland Green. His principal handler, die gangs they wanted to trial, on Green's evidence, Ro- Yard and immigration offi- PC Steve Barker, is still at expose.

ialled for 14 years and Steven Crossdale for eight years. They were convicted of using guns to hold up 150 people at a "blues" party. Thomas was also said to have tried to pull a gun on detectives who ar-rested him. Both have apagainst their

So far, Scotland Yard has not informed the two men's lawyers of Green's effective confession of perjury. An investigation by the

Guardian and World In Action found last year that in an attempt to protect Green, Scotland Yard officers had shielded him from arrest by Nottingham police, failed to pass on vital intelligence and tampered with documents. Officers had then tried to mislead the court and to abort the trial, even at the risk of allow-

Behind the scenes, last year's furore over Green pro-duced a row between Scotland

to stay in the United Kingdom and permitted his Yardie as-sociates to enter the UK unimpeded. Two immigration officers have lost their jobs in

the wake of the affair. Brian Fotheringham, specialist on Yardies, has een transferred to other duties. His superior, Robert Saltan, is in the process of taking early retirement, officially on health grounds.

The two men have been blamed for the rule-bending surrounding Green, but their colleagues complain that they have been treated unjustly. Home Office sources, too, believe that the rule-bending occurred only because Green's police handlers, who were evidently working without the supervision of senior Scotland Yard officers, in-sisted that it should.

Scotland Yard said last week that it had not conducted a disciplinary inquiry into its officers' handling of gence section dealing with Yardies.

A Yard spokesman said last week: "As far as we're con-cerned, we've done nothing wrong. There is no need to conduct a disciplinary inquiry, because no one has made a complaint."

It is understood that Eaton Green continues to serve his where he is under 24-hour armed guard and where he has spent months producing his confession and living in some comfort, with a television and occasional visits from a girlfriend.

Home Office sources say that Scotland Yard hoped to trade Green and his informa tion with law enforcement agencies in the United States and that officials in the US embassy in London have been What the Yard did not foresee was that Green would embarrass them as much as the Yar-

# Mowlam formula for Irish talks

Patrick Wintour, Chief

O MOWLAM, the shadow Northern Ire-land Secretary, yesterday urged the Government to separate talks on decommissioning of terrorist weapons from the main allparty talks on Northern Ireland.

She said a parallel process held the best chance of the talks not breaking down. Her call, similar to one on Monday by Dick Spring, the Irish foreign minister, put her at odds with Tory backbench opinion and presages her determination to speak her mind more often on Northern Ireland in the runup to the election.

Ms Mowlam's call for parallel talks was balanced with a lary" for the republican para-



Labour's Mo Mowlam . . . at odds with backbench Tories

warning to Martin McGuin-ness, the Sinn Fein leader, that he was mistaken if he thought a Labour government militaries by softening de-mands on the IRA to restore Dublin by calling for decom-the ceasefire. In her clearest statement

yet, Ms Mowlam said Labour supported Sinn Fein being allowed to join the all-party talks scheduled for June 10, as long as they win seats in said she had come to her posirestore the ceasefire of August 1994.
"There are no other precon-

ditions. If they restate the un-equivocal ceasefire of August 1994, they should be allowed into talks," she said. She added that it should not

be necessary for Sinn Fein to required at the start of the cal parties to meet in the talks.

She then broke with Tory cuss those principles

Dublin by calling for decom-missioning to be put into a separate, parallel talks

the May 30 elections and tion independently and denied it was intended to avoid the issue of decommissioning. "I am suggesting a process by which the decommissioning issue is addressed without handicapping progress on other issues, including trust and confidence-building." Some Unionists have said agree to the six Mitchell principles on non-violence before being allowed into June's talks — arguing instead that this commitment should be Mowlam urged all politically and at the start of the

same room on June 10 to dis-

# Detective soothed bomber's family

David Sharrock and Duncan Campbel

THE family of the IRA bomber who blew himself up on a London bus e comforted by a senior Scotland Yard officer, their priest revealed yesterday.

The unnamed inspector from the anti-terrorost branch spent 45 minutes with Edward O'Brien's parents at their home in Gorey, Co Wexford, Father Walter Forde told Irish radio yesterday.

Father Forde, who denounced the IRA for involved a boinb he was carrying ex-

nspector from Scotland Yard came over to deliver Ed's effects and the family had said to me that they

had said to me that they would like me to be there.

"He was a lovely man who was really sympathising with them. He wanted to deliver stuff personally rather than post it. They were a few small sort of effects."

The items are understood to have included a crucifix given to O'Brien by his mother. O'Brien died when

ing the 21-year-old man in ploded on a bus in Aldwych on February 18, a week sands of sympathetic letters from Scotland bomb ended the IRA ceasefire. His parents never sus pected he was an IRA

They issued a statement extending their sympathy to the eight people injured in the blast. Their demand that the IRA stay away from their son's funeral was ignored.

Father Forde said that Miley and Margo O'Brien "were actually touched by the fact that he (the inspec-tor) would come." He said the O'Brien family had

man last night confirmed that an officer from the anti-terrorist branch had returned O'Brien's per-sonal effects and had

spoken to the parents. It is not uncommon for anti-terrorist branch officers to meet the families of IRA men who were un-aware of their sons' activities. "We don't hold any grudge — it's the old biblical saying of the sins of the the fathers," said a police

# Ministers 'turn deaf ear' to ideas on care in the community

David Brindie, Social Services Correspond

INISTERS were yester-day accused of turning a deaf ear to ideas which could help prevent more care-inthe community tragedies. The criticism came from an

inquiry team which investigated the killing of Jonathan Newby, a 22-year-old volun-teer left in sole charge of an Oxford hostel for people with evere mental illness.

The team, which reported print — drawn up in Oxford- lished last July, after the stabsevere mental illness.

last summer, called on the Government to set national standards for the care of such patients. After some difficulty, it secured a meeting to press its case with John Bowis, junior health minister responsible for mental health policy. Nicola Davies, QC, the team's leader, said yesterday. "It would be fair to say that we met with a less than posi-

tive response. The team was now seeking another meeting with the what action had been taken on minister to present a blueminister to present a bluemin

shire - for training for all | bing to death of Mr Newby by those working with mentally ill people. So far, Ms Davies said, she had received no reply from Mr Bowls.
Mr Bowis's office said last

night if had only recently received the request for a meeting. He would be happy to see the team and arrange ments would be put in hand. Ms Davies was speaking out

after the inquiry team had returned to Oxford to find out what action had been taken on

John Rous, a schizophrenic. The team's progress report came the day after Oxford-shire social services admitted "inexcusable mistakes" in a second case in which a former mental patient set a fire which killed a mother and

The Newby team praised work on training and improved communication among all agencies involved in care in the community.

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# Mystics and messiahs flood Water Margin pr Kol

As the impact of communism on rural China wanes, people are returning to old beliefs and ancient rituals, **Andrew Higgins** writes. Peasant prophet and convicted rapist Wu Yangming was quick to leap into the ideological vacuum

12th century outlaws inspired legends of a Chinese Robin Hood and their 20th century heirs brought the Communist Party to power, doomsday came ear

lier than planned.
It arrived with a bullet in the back of the neck at the Bengbu municipal execution

There, four years before the end-of-millenium apocalypse promised to a multitude of fol-lowers, ended the extraordinary epic of Wu Yangming, peasant prophet, would-be Holy Emperor, convicted rap-ist and self-declared reincar-

Aged 51 at the time of his death, the former peasant from Red Star Village led what officials now describe as the biggest network of "counter-revolutionary hooligans" seen in China since Mao Zedong, another former "bandit", established himself as emperor of a new People's Republic in 1949. promise of a Second Coming. He was to lead followers through an apocalypse — scheduled for the year 2000 — to a new earthly heaven.

Mindful of its own past triumphs, the Communist Party has always seen peasants as a far more potent threat than students shouting half-digested democratic slogans imanmen Square.
Deng Xiaoping's reforms

N THE mud-and-brick | The peasants, warns a cele-Chinese villages where | brated tract, Looking at brated tract, Looking at China through a Third Eye, have become a "living

> It adds: "If this vast army of ignorant, aimless and extremely destructive peasants is ever organised into an anti-government force, the govern-ment in power effectively will have already collapsed without any hope whatsoever of

What unnerves Beijing about Wu and dozens of other would-be messiahs is that

nings of such an organisation. According to religious

groups in Hong Kong, China's official church, and the state-

run media. Wu recruited converts throughout the country to a bizarre millenarian sect

built around the biblical

He established a rigid hier-

archy with himself as Holy

Father, assisted by 16 lieuten-

ants, most of them women.

and cult officers were known by titles like Master Mother, Golden Mother and Rose countryside," said Robin Mother. A code of discipline banned tight clothes, make-Munro, Hong Kong head of Asia Watch and editor of a up, television, fruit, snacks study of Chinese sects. and meals of more than two

dishes. The only permitted sation have rushed in to fill drink was boiled water. Converts were expected to con-The bedrock of Wu's cult tribute at least 10 per cent of their posessions and money. lay in a swath of towns and

Every time China begins to fall apart, the Book of

Changes, the I Ching, becomes the focus of anxiety

some as young as 14, being promised salvation in return

for sex. When police raided Wu's rural hideout late last

year, they found him in bed

with three disciples.
In both his message and

organisation, though, he

mimicked Mao's early Com-

munist Party, as well as older insurrectionary movements such as the 19th century Tai-ping, whose leader Hong Xiu-

quan claimed to be Jesus's

"Popular religion is a by-

younger brother.

villages stretching from The Three-Self Patriotic northern Anhui into neigh-Church, the officially sancbouring Jiangsu and Shantioned guardian of protestantdong, a region plagued by ism in China, condemned the cult as heretical. An official

provincial campaign against graft three years ago impli-cated 300,000 cadres.

The classic Ming Dynasty

novel The Water Margin de-

picted the region as a lawless

land of righteous peasant rebellion. Mao's Communist

Party turned it into an early

In the villages around

Bengbu, the town in Anhui

where Wu was tried on 19 counts of rape and executed earlier this year, the sect had 11 cells. While rooted in the

countryside, it also attracted

ment from society, the weak- | Guangdong, adjoining Hong

Traditional forms of organi-

Also in vogue across China

Wu found religion through which regards a Taiwanese American preacher as the Living Christ Jailed for a year in 1987, he set up his movement on his release.

Communist ideology has given way to an eclectic brew of Christianity, Buddhism, Taoism and folk religion. One proscribed but rapidly grow-ing sect, the Way of Unity, worships Buddhs, Ancestor Lu the Cave Dweller, Jesus Mohammed and the Immortal Old Man of the South Pole.

is the folk mysticism found in ancient texts such as the I Ching, a fortune-telling treatise known in English as the Book of Changes. "The last few years have seen all the classic elements

of an end-of-dynasty syndrome," said Geremie Barme, an Australian scholar of contemporary China. "Every time China begins to fail apart, the Book of Changes ecomes the focal point of

popular anxiety." Several of the party's early leaders converted to co nism via secret societies practising hybrid religious rit-Army, Zhu De, once dis-missed accusations that the JUNGST:

was an alien import from to Western accusations of

Today, Chinese law bans all groups and sects outside five established religions. "These are not religious organisa-tions but are, in fact, similar to doomsday cults that have existed in the United States, Japan and other countries," China's state council said

human rights abuses. Foreign campaigners ar blanket ban blurs the boundary between criminal and lerepressed, the more radical-ised they become," said Mr

"Chinese history is strewn with groups like this fighting

# **Extra security** after gunman's life threatened

#HE death toll in the Tas manian massacre rose by one to 35 yesterday as police put the suspecte killer Martin Bryant under extra guard in a Hobart hospitai after threats to kill him

While Australians prepared to observe a minute's silence what prompted the lone gun-man to run amok in Port ously dead." Arthur on Sunday afternoon. Police said there had been telephone threats against Mr Bryant, aged 28, and there

were plans to move him from the Royal Hobart to a prison hospital. He is suffering from burns sustained when he fled a burning cottage at the end of the police siege.

The hospital said that four

of those injured in the shooting were still in a serious state, nine were stable, and five had been discharged.

Mr Bryant, who has been described by neighbours as a loner, has so far been charged with one count of murder at a bedside court. At Port Arthur, forensic

scientists discovered a third body in the ruins in the guest house where Mr Bryant held more than 200 police at bay. It is believed to be that of the third hostage taken. The police say they have accounted for all of the missing.

They released the names of 24 of the dead who have been formally identified. Most come from Australia but two were Malaysian tourists.

In Canberra, the opening of the federal parliament was overshadowed by the sense of national devastation. The governor-general, the Queen's representative, spoke of the profound sympathy of every-one in parliament for those af-fected by the tragedy.

Today the prime minister,
John Howard, and national leaders gather in Hobart for a

memorial service and a min-ute's silence.

One man who was wounded In the drama spoke to repor-ters from his hospital bed. Peter Crosswell was in the of the killer Broad Arrow Cafe with two to any trial.

ceeded to shoot everyone in the room with a high-powered military rifle. He described how the killer methodically shot down table after table and then walked about without a word, finishing off

Mr Crosswell, who was lying still over his two com-panions, said: "I could only see two other people alive, everyone else had horrific head wounds and was obvi-

He broke down as he said he had no idea why the gun-man had not come back to kill

public safety minister, Peter Beswick, announced plans to automatic guns. He said Tas

'Everyone had horrific head wounds and was obviously dead'

mania, which is reputed to have the slackest gun laws of the six states, would tighten legislation irrespective of the decisions made by the emer-gency meeting of state and federal police ministers next

week.

The New South Wales premier. Bob Carr, has called on the federal government to take over all gun laws from the states and institute a national buy-back campaign to reduce firearm numbers.

Tasmania's director of pub-

Tasmania's director of pub-lic prosecutions has warned the state's media against printing photographs of the accused man and details of his background.

Damien Bugg QC said the publication in most Australian newspapers of the man's picture, alongside headlines such as "This is the man" and "Face of a killer", could prej-udice a fair trial. He said con-tempt proceedings against the media in Tasmania were nessible because the identity possible, because the identity of the killer would be central



Writing on the wall . . . A cyclist rides past a message to accused killer Martin Bryant sprayed on the Hobart hospital where he is being held. Capital punishment was last carried out in Australia in 1967

## Instability revives Mobutu's fortunes

Chris McGreal reports from Kinshasa on the Zairean dictator's

partial return to favour

DRESIDENT Mobutu Sese Seko was sneaked through a side gate of the Elysée palace to meet Jacques Chirac in Paris last

But however shy France may have been about admitting it, Zaire's dictator emerged from the meeting keen to let it be known that he is once again in favour

After years of ostracism home, the future looks brighter for Mr Mobutu than at any time since he was pressured into ending one-party rule. Zaire's economy and

what passes for government continue to crumble. But Mr Mobutu has exploited the incompetence of his opponents at home, and the competing interests of the major powers abroad, to win a degree of rehabili-tation in the West and emerge as the favoured can-didate for the presidential election which Zaire's nearly dysfunctional par-liament has set for May

Five years ago France and other Western donors halted aid to Zaire in frustration at President Mobu-tu's lack of commitment even to accountable, if not

democratic, government. The loss of aid, combined with rising anarchy and a reign of terror by the mili-tary, sent the already de-clining economy into a tailspin and increased the political pressure on him.
In 1993 parliament convicted him of high treason as he battled with the government of the then prime minister and opposition leader. Primer Takingkadi

Exploiting some politi-cians' desire for money rather than power, he laced parliament with spoilers and used the military to keep alive fear and chaos on the streets. Then he sacked Mr Tshisekedi and cajoled parliament into

confirming the dismissal. While Mr Tshisekedi continues to call himself prime minister, his office has been occupied for the past two years by one of Mr Mobutu's allies.

Kengo wa Dondo was ap-pointed because he poses little threat to the dictator. His failure to implement promised financial reforms and restore the rule of law

have reinforced public dis-illusionment with politicians of any breed. "The parliament decided that all important questions must be solved by con-"But this is a means of blocking the normal func-tion of the government and reform. They do not want anything to change."

In the resulting vacuum, Mr Mobutu portrays himself as the one man who can hold the country together. "Our weary and disillu-sioned people no longer believe in the fine words and demagogic promises of their politicians," he said in a New Year's speech.

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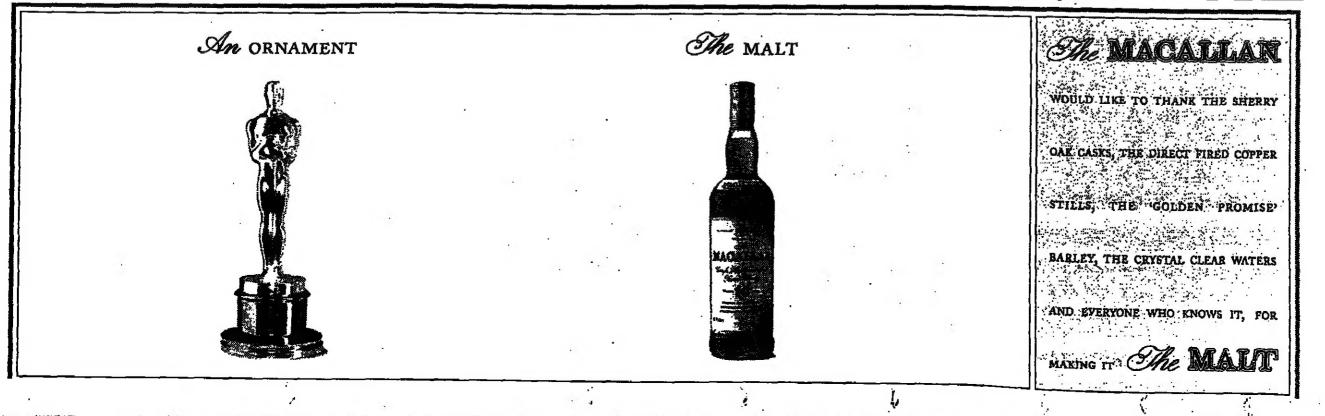
He has been helped by weariness in Paris and Washington, squabbling among opposition politicians, and the emergence of more pressing regional concerns, which have led the US and France to have US and France to buy quietly into the idea of Mr Mobutu as a stabilising

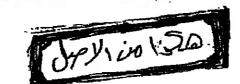
influence.
France's preoccupation with the implications of its loss of influence in Rwanda, and wider concerns in the West about growing instability elsewhere in central Africa, have provided new props to

But he proved adept at denying power to others, if not entirely retaining control for himself.

Hast vector last year. One with the opposition once again fragmenting, Mr Mobutu promised in Paris that the vote would go ahead this time.

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# Dr Kohl's prescription for trouble

Süddeursche Zettung VEN the minister who runs the German chancellor's office called the austerity programme unveiled before parliament last week "a package

of social crudeness

The head of the IC-Metall steel union, Klaus Zwickel, said the measures amounted to "a conspiracy against em-ployment and social issues". In reality, the very German attention to detail has to provoke a smile. When the coalition began to put together its "programme for growth and employment" the plan was to prepare the country for the 21st century. By the time they got to the end of it, they were bogged down in minute de tails, such as whether spec-

Clearly, Helmut Kohl and his coalition government are proud of all the details on which they managed to agree. The coalition set out to achieve two aims: to shave DM50 billion (£22 billion) from central government and regional spending while reviving the economy to cre-

tacle frames should be paid

The government did come up with several intelligent answers. To support young entrepreneurs through tax relief is standard practice in

working legislation for companies of up to 10 people in-stead of five sounds reason-able. Previously the easier dismissal legislation applied to companies employing five or fewer. Often young businesses overlooked an opportunity for growth rather than hire a sixth person, who

tougher employment laws.
The risk of being squeezed out of the market while being unable to make people redundant was too high for many.
The coalition also emphasises the importance of "flexisizes the importance or next-time", to create employment. But this could mean not working for a long time dur-ing a recession, and companies may ask themselves how much their investment in job training will be worth.
In effect, the government

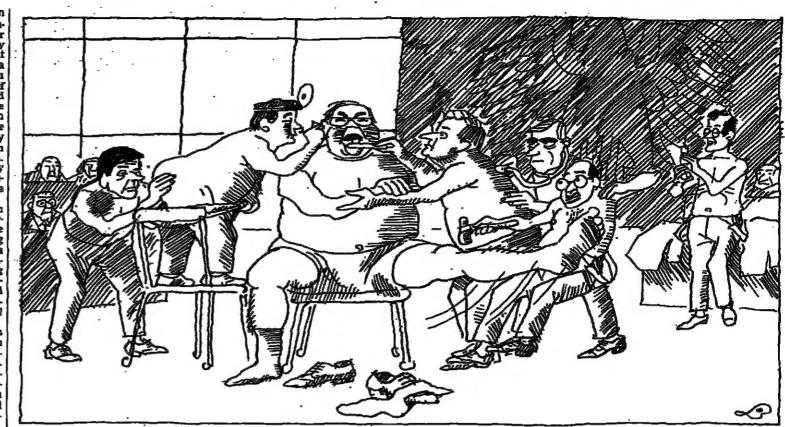
will make most savings on the backs of those with least influence: employees, the sick and pensioners. It may appear acceptable to reduce a salary in the case of sickness but those who are still off work after six weeks might find it difficult to live with a 10 per cent cut in sick pay. The economic sense of social security should be to help where individual efforts fail, but the government is plan-

ning the opposite.
The programme to save

many countries. To relax obvious that the coalition partners did not find a conept and merely settled for everything on which they could agree. Some of what they agreed on is merely a projection, such as the reform of income tax. And even if the saving programme, the goal of saving DM50 billion amounts to little, and the price that must be paid by would force it to abide by those who have to rely on social security is too high. Fundamentally, the austerity programme is unbalanced beause employers do not have to contribute

> New jobs could come from deregulation. Nowadays foreign investors do not waste much time in investigating the possibility of opening a factory in Germany. The in-credibly complicated building regulations see to that. Foreigners who have followed the struggle to ease regula-tions on shopping hours will smile wearlly.

> It may be that the time has come for a new partnership between employees and employer, where employees be come co-owners of the company and associate their well-being with its. They will then help management to find



Too many doctors . . . Kohl and his coalition are proud of what they have agreed, but the prescription lacks logic CARTOON E.M. LANG-SUDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG

# Scams aided by secrecy

The benefit fraudster is not just a creature peculiar to Britain, Germans have ways to cheat the system. Reymer Klüver reports

the way the social security system works locally that he has even written a book

Social Democrat, Joachim Becker is among Germans who complain that a system set up to help in emergencies is being wrecked. Not only are more and more people relying on it for longer periods, abuse has spiralled.

With a population of 118,000, Pforzheim is one of the smallest towns in Germany but has 70,000 industrial jobs - among the highest in Baden-Württemburg. But Mr Becker says 6 per cent

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"HE mayor of Pforzheim | of the townsfolk live on social is so disenchanted with | security.

Aged just 27, Birgit Seeger's anger runs deep. The social security inspector is tired of combating benefit scams. Among the most common, she says, is that of the broken washing machine which her office has to replace instantly. Then there are the claimants who "lose" their wallet immediately after cashing their giros, once or twice a year. They have to be paid again.

Abuse of the system is fa-

cilitated by Germany's strict protection of personal information: authorities, health and insurance institutions

mothers are easily able to claim large benefits by claim ing that they raise their chil-dren alone, and the social security office is unable to prove that this is a lie.

From his sixth floor office. Mr Becker watches the flow to and from the social security office. Living off benefits, he says, has become "a way of life". The welfare system is in ruins partly because there are many people who "rack their brains to find more ways of extracting money". Increasingly, there is a mentality in Germany that "one should cheat the state", he says. Recently the unemployed

were invited to participate in a scheme whereby a firm would employ them at cheap rates and the state would subsidise their wages. Only half were prepared even to discuss

### Unions plan May Day show of strength

GERMAN unions hope to bring hundreds of thou-sands of people on to the streets in May Day protests today to challenge Helmut Kohl's plan for sweeping

welfare cuts. Herbert Mai, head of the OeTV union representing public servants who face a two-year pay freeze, threat-ened strikes if Bonn pushed through a cut in sick pay. "If employers insist on this, a labour dispute will become inevitable," he said.

Ursula Engelen-Kefer, deputy chairwoman of the DGB trade union federa-tion, warned: "If employers think they can turn back the clock on pay policy and dismantle the welfare system, they will be responsible for the conse-

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# Mayor cheated to help poor

Madrid is counting the cost as officials who rigged farm subsidies in rural Spain are finally being brought to justice

Adela Gooch in Madrid

first appeared before the judge, accused of defrauding millions from development funds for poor agricultural regions, he broke down and wept. As he left the court, farm workers who had benefited from the scheme cheered the former mayor as

Some consider the case the worst abuse of a subsidy system which is regarded a byword for political and financial corruption.

return of 1,000 million pesetas (£5.2 million) from Mr Ferrandiz and seven other accused Mr Ferrandiz denies the charge, but admits making i possible for the people of his village near Granada to receive welfare payments without meeting the legal

requirements. Some see him as the victim of a system which was set up by the first Socialist government, after the death of ship of agricultural workers in depressed regions, espe-cially Andalusia in the south and Extremadura in the east. The plan for rural employment (PER) — which Span-lards say would be more accu-

social problems I had to try to solve' grounds", and that all the days credited were eventually worked. "The municipal area I was in charge of had 14,000 inhabitants and a 40 per cent

were enormous social problems that I had to try to solve," be says. The case has broader political implications. The Socialrural unemployment - sets

unemployment rate. There

Mr Ferrandiz insists he

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aside funds for development projects to give people work and improve conditions in villages. Critics say the ANDALUSIA scheme rarely worked prop-erly. To qualify for rural un-employment benefit, workers have to prove they have been employed for at least 40 days a year. Many municipal officials, like Mr Ferrandiz, have Media been accused of crediting villagers with days worked on

PER-funded projects which were never actually begun, or in which far fewer than years but still controls the regional administrations in Andalusia and Extremadura, acted "on humanitarian has long been accused of turning a blind eye to PER scams - and even encouraging clamp down on welfare abuse. So far most of those charged with PER fraud have received

nower in Madrid after 13

light sentences, but as a result of the trials mayors are realising that they have to apply the rules more strictly. The days when families could claim agricultural unemployment benefit of around 60,000 pesetas a month each, without even trying to find work, Mr Ferrandiz's successor as

mayor of Pinos Puente, a vil-

pality compared with 4,200

five years ago. But the social problems remain. "There is a percentage of the population that is financially very weak; tempo-rary workers who used to rely on occasional work which has largely disappeared as a result of new farming methods and competition from European Union and Moroccan imports."
The conservative Popular

Party (PP), which won Spain's general election in March, has long accused the Socialists of setting up a sys-tem of hopeless dependency. among these people. "I don't, want Andalusia to be the land. of subsidy, fraud, lack of self respect and no real future," lusian PP leader.

But there are doubts as to what the new government can do to change the situation. Since 1983, 1,000 billion peseyears ago, however, faced by the need to reduce the budget deficit, the Socialists began to but unemployment at 33 per cent remains 10 per cent above the national average. In the short term, policy is

though the pressure for greater welfare cuts, so that Spain can meet EU single currency criteria, grows.

Last week, agricultural workers fears that the PER would be eroded were miti-gated, for the time being at least. The outgoing Socialist government, with the tacit ap-proval of the new PP governlage some nine miles north of ment-elect, approved PER ex-Granada, in the Vega valley, penditure of 17,500 million says that 1,700 people now pesetas for the coming year ist Party, which has just lost | claim benefit in the munici- | the same as this year.



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# France's peace role deserves praise

### Comment

### Le Monde

RANCE'S persistence has earned her the right to a dominant position in the solution to the Lebanese crisis. With

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Washington, Belrut and accused the US of being the the "supervision group" Damascus, France will be part of the "supervision group" overseeing the ceasefire that took effect on April 27. France must be

congratulated.
Of course, the sceptics will say the United States played the main role and is the main guarantor. Leba-non and Israel are respecting the rules which the US laid down for this new mili-tary game. To some extent, we are dealing with a return to the status quo that prevailed before the not so glorious but ex-tremely murderous and de-structive Israeli operation.

The Americans have taken care to make no financial engagement for the reconstruction of the civilian infrastructures de stroyed by the Israeli bombardments. Once again, the Europeans will have to fi-nancially support the Middle East.

It is here that the French intervention makes sense. On the whole, the Europeans have for many years

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sole mediator in the Middle because Syria and Lebanon Rast peace process, and of restricting them to a role of "peace bankers" while not letting them have any say. insisted on that. The European Union was, in fact, in charge of the cheque book but only had an observer's seat at the negotiation table. It is,

therefore, totally justifi-able that France, which has been linked to Lebanon for such a long time, plays an important part in the peace

limitations. It is only part of the RU.

France was not chosen by Israel, which has no confidence either in France or in Europe. This is the EU's problem in the Middle East. To be a mediator and have a proper place at the negoti-

ating table with the same weight as the US, you must be invited by both warring parties. Despite the positive role played by Paris in the most recent Lebanese drama, this is still not the But France still has its case, either for France or

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# Grave error of judgment

The blame in the Carr case is widely spread

and crucial systems of care: child protection, and the treatment of people with severe personality disorders. Darren Carr's story, which was set out in our G2 section yesterday, is not only a challenge to national and local policymakers but also to the psychiatric profession, which still remains divided over whether personality disorders can be treated. The gist of the case is almost unbelievable: a seriously psychopathic patient, who was compulsorily detained in a mental hospital after making several serious attacks on his mother and her partner, is discharged and ends up in Oxfordshire acting as a live-in child-minder to two children who had already been on an "at risk" register because of the inadequacies of their mother. Local teachers accurately reported that Carr was beating one child but Carr was cleared by a social worker who belatedly investigated the allegations. Days later Carr pours petrol outside the bedrooms of the mother and her two children and sets fire to the house. All three die in the blaze. Carr pleaded guilty to three manslaughter charges on Monday and will be sentenced later.

The Carr case is unique. There is a long and sad list of inquiries into the deaths of children caused by failure of child protection services. It begins with Maria Colwell and runs through a litany of familiar names. There is a parallel but shorter catalogue of inquiries into killings by mental patients. But there is no known case which spans both systems. To her credit, Mary Robertson, the new director of Oxford-

NEVER has a single case so glaringly manager sacked. In reality the failure exposed the frailties of two separate of the child protection service for all its catastrophic results, is less serious than the gap in mental care for a simple reason. At least there was a child protection system in place with teachers, relatives and hospital social workers getting in touch with the social workers protecting the children. What went protecting the children. What went wrong was a series of individual errors. But in terms of Carr's mental care, there was no system just a black hole.

The crux of the problem in the Carr case is the division within the psychiatric profession. There is no common definition of personality disorder or

definition of personality disorder or agreement on what constitutes a psychopathic disorder. Yet people can only be detained against their will under the Mental Health Act if they are a danger to themselves or suffer from a treatable offence. That is why, like the earlier Buchanan case, Carr was discharged. In the words of the Buchanan inquiry: discharging a person time after time is simply "an offence waiting to happen". It is time the profession got its act together. But ministers are not blameless. Belatedly they have launched a new form of asylum, small care homes with 24-hour support, to meet the needs of the seriously mentally ill who need longterm care. As the report into the killing of Jonathan Zito by Christopher Clunis noted:"If the needs of this small group are not met, care in the commu-nity will be discredited." Contrary to popular belief, the number of people killed by mental patients has not increased. It is just the inquiries which make it seem so, as the Psychiatric Bulletin reports today. But the patients do need care. Ironically, Oxford has improved its mental health training errors of judgment. We have serious its last scandal noted yesterday. Yet concerns about the professional competence of the social worker concerned."

One social worker has resigned and



Hong Kong's worries are political rather than economic

party in Hong Kong, will he need to shed a tear for the great British hongs turn out his own lights? Yesterday the | whose privileged positions go back to governor explained that Britain may the age of the opium trade. It is probahave to settle for a separate ceremony. bly better for China to buy into the the departure of the colonialists, which | threatened — set up its own rival operathe Chinese wish to celebrate with fireworks. Mr Patten and friends may still throw a big party on the lawn of Government House but there could be a | that confidence - not least of the travlot of uneaten canapes. On the eve of power shifting to the new owners, quite a few invitees may find that they have another pressing engagement.

In the scale of Hong Kong's transitional uncertainties, this is a small dispute but a deeply symbolic one. At least till the trauma of the Beijing massacre there was an inclination to 1997 and this is where China's actions minimise the extent of change. The old | cause most alarm. Beijing now argues cliché about China's interest in not frightening the gold-laying hen was frequently invoked. By now the people of Hong Kong have fully accepted Chairman Mao's advice to "cast away illusions". It is probably just as well.

Much more significant for Hong Kongers is this week's transaction which has considerably increased mainland Chinese holdings in Hong Kong's flagship airline Cathay Pacific, and in its subsidiary Dragonair. This is wholly unsurprising: China will want to ensure a substantial stake in other Hong Kong growth areas too - particularly telecommunications - not only to show who is boss but because Beijing

WHEN CHRIS Patten gives his farewell | which want a share. Nor should we tion. The only imperative is that the competing interests in Beijing should not get too greedy and swallow so much

> handover approaches are political much more than economic - which is probably why most foreign bankers and domestic fat cats fail to appreciate them. The concern is how strong the rule of law and democracy will be after that its commitment to preserve Hong Kong without alteration for 50 years only applied to the Hong Kong of 1984 before Britain initiated its belated democratic reforms. Beijing seems to believe it can buy into the rule of law and democracy as if it were Cathay Pacific. It may not be so easy if the Hong Kong democrats refuse to be silenced. Last week the Chief Secretary Anson Chan returned from talks in Beijing where she met the senior Chinese official responsible for Hong Kong. The capable Ms Chan has only an outside chance of becoming the post-handover governor. China could revive hopes of a better future if she were allowed to turn the

### A man's mortgage is his castle

But this won't necessarily stop the Chancellor from raiding it

ONE of the biggest social changes of | than they were in their day jobs. our time is the roaring success of owner-occupation. At the turn of the century over 90 per cent of dwellings than half of all households were privately rented. Now 70 per cent are owner-occupied with no sign of a reversal. High rates of ownership have little to do with prosperity. Switzerland, one of the richest countries in the world has one of the lowest ownership rates while the monthly cost of paying rent on a Bangladesh one of the highest The stampede to own your own house in the UK was the result of big tax shelters for | at 8 per cent. In Greater London rentals owners (mortgage interest relief, no were over £250 a month more than taxes on capital gains or imputed rents) combined with cheap sales of council property. Ownership was greatly encouraged by the booming credit conditions of the 1980s which pushed house prices up so quickly that at one stage many people were "earning" more from | retain its attraction without any subsicapital appreciation on their houses dies at all.

The interesting question is whether people will want to carry on owning their houses now that the Government were rented. As recently as 1951 more has switched subsidies from houses to financial assets and while house prices have not recovered from the recent slump. The answer, according to the current issue of Which, is that owneroccupation is still better than renting. It found that in every region of Britain one-bedroomed flat was greater than the cost of servicing a 25 year mortgage mortgage payments. And if house prices start to rise again even modestly then it will be an added bonus for owner-occupiers. All of this may tempt some future revenue-hungry chancellor to argue that owner occupation will

elling public — is destroyed. Hong Kong's real anxieties as the

has its own vested financial interests lights back on after Mr Patten.

# ST GORDON REASSURING THE DRAGON @ Steve bell 1996

Letters to the Editor

# Families and how to revive them Shelve the

ATRICIA MORGAN'S there was war and promiscul- of the married man's allow "relationships, obligations vision of the family is ty, before that, for centuries, ance must explain why, in and responsibilities allow Luddite (A time for working people postponed order to support marriage, society to function", why women, April 29). She implies that all change in the form of the family is bad for children (who are now as sacred as pensioners were before they became too expensive). But children grow up to be adults: would they endorse Morgan's repression of women and single adults for the sake of

There are huge cultural changes afoot, with "good" and "bad" consequences. Patricia Morgan would stamp them out with big-brotherish fiddling with taxes to "reward" the married. But isn't traditional-style marriage its own reward - good for all involved, and also sup-plying the breadwinner with unpaid wifely services that underpin the state, the economy and society, as well as the breadwinner's career and pension (which in the UK be can keep, solo, on divorce)? There was a brief historical

period — the post-second-world-war social settlement when the so-called tradi-tional family (urban, middle class) became a possibility for everyone. The context was

ty; before that, for centuries, working people postponed marriage and sex until their mid- to late-twenties. Women were punished for illicit pregnancy and men depended on poor women for prostitute services. That was "tradition", and I bet no one would vote to restore it.

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N criticising feminists in the 70s who argued for the abolition of the married man's tax allowance (as it was then). Patricia Morgan fails to point out we also argued that the resulting increased revenue should be used to increase child benefit. Eleanor Rathbone argued

forcefully that children were the responsibility of both their parents and the wider society. From this it followed that the state should share the economic costs of all children. But now, in contrast to her time, there is a debate about how fathers could be involved in the care as well as economic boom and a new the maintenance of children. fering family forms can still welfare state. Before that Those who regret the demise produce people whose

ance must explain why, in order to support marriage, society to function, why the family and children, the doesn't Patricia Morgan entax system should be used to support men as husbands irrespective of the income (earned or unearned) of their wives and whether or not they have responsibility for children.

Subsidising man as hus bands is not an effective way

to support children or those who care for them. (Prof) Hilary Land. Centre for Family Policy, University of Bristol. 8 Woodland Road,

PATRICIA MORGAN needn't worry that the underpinning of the social infrastructure, which, as she admits, is created by a huge amount of unpaid domestic labour, will be dumped on the state overnight.

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Since the state wouldn't have it, and since children are rarely abandoned by both their parents, raising much of the next generation will continue to be done ostensibly on the cheap, whilst the true costs remain hidden. Now that we know that dif-

nursery education can significantly aid a child's social, emotional and intellectual development. We would argue, however, that it serves to en-hance parental care, not act as a substitute, as Ms Mor-

sacrifice

Una Freeley.

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well as mothers — and argued that they should be given greater support and a higher

There is growing evidence to suggest that, at its best

STEPHEN BATES describes Self-government, opening up to the world, and cutting

the chains dragging us down to the world's low-growth un-

employment blackspot as en-

difficult to tell whether his

article is meant to be serious.

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gan's austere vision implies.
(Dr) Gillian Pugh.
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**Defamation Bill** GEORGE MONBIOT'S archaic libel laws is spot on (Law that muddles truth and

courage more men to adjust to and support female equal-ity, instead of nervously offerfiction, April 29). The Defama-tion Bill does little to change the basic injustices that favour the rich and powerful.

The law as it affects booksellers and distributors is ing up yet more female even more scandalous. We can, and do, get sued for libel for selling a publication produced by someone else. In effect this becomes a legalised form of blackmail since the HE National Children's Bureau has never, as Pa-tricia Morgan suggests, agreed that "parental care must be superseded by specialised child-rearing in-stitutions". Indeed, we have cost of mounting a defence in court can reach tens of thousands of pounds. It can be cheaper to settle out of court than to challenge the allegaconsistently championed the needs of parents — fathers as

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would be even cheaper to re-fuse to stock the "offending" publication. This is not a wild night mare. It is happening now to ourselves and other radical bookshops facing a series of legal actions for stocking the anti-fascist magazine, Search-light. Already one or two have been intimidated out of stocking it for fear of the pro-hibitive legal defence costs. This is political censorship of a whole new dimension.

tions of libel. Of course, it

We cannot afford to employ lawyers to check for libel in every book or magazine that every book or magazine that comes through our doors. The Defamation Bill must remove booksellers and distributors from the frame altogether.

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ALONE litigator with a grudge against a particular small-circulation maga zine can not only sue that magazine for libel, but can sue any shop which allegedly stocked it. In the case of the dwindling number of small independent shops - which are increasingly necessary to ensure a plurality of debate the cost of a defence can mean bankruptcy. This is the case

the defendants' costs. All that the Defamation Bill does is to put such a shop's existing "innocent dissemina tion" defence, currently based on precedent, on to a statutory footing. It still leaves the onus of proof of "innocent dissemination" on the shop, which can therefore still be bankrupted in the pro-cess; and it still puts no restraint on a spiteful impoverished litigant pursuing people who are peripheral to his or her complaint. Albert Beale. Housmans Bookshop,

reserve? They could refuse the £6bn annual contribution we'll be making by then. They could stop sending us their overpriced food. They could even deprive us of the manufactured goods which are destroying our jobs.

Austin Mitchell MP.

Guardian Euro-tripe (Back in the Bunker. G2, April 30).

If it's meant to be funny. great entry in some Belgian joke book. If serious, then it does manage to be furny. Hav-ing balved our growth rate and quintupled our unemployeven if the defence is successful, if the litigant can't pay ment by going in, it would hardly be fair to end the help The sanctions Bates fears seem too like what's happen-So why doesn't be mention the sanctions they have in

> 5 Caledonian Road, London N1.

THOUGHT the Spanish had corrected a wrong done to seals (Spanish right seals pact, April 29) until I read the report. What a wonderful language is English: can any other compete with such misunderstandings as the war-time classic, "British push bottles up 3,000 Germans"? (Dr) Michael Staunton. Pear Tree Cottage, The Lane, Little Street.

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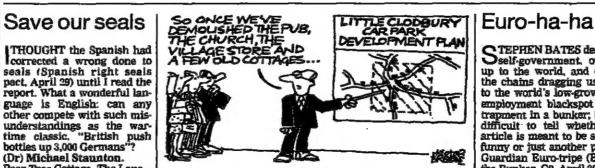
AREN BARRATT (Letters. April 30) is wrong when she says that the National Film Theatre is shutting "in two months' time". There is no truth in this rumour. There is, indeed, a plan to move the NFT to the West End, but only when we are totally satisfied that our new home will be suitable in all respects. At last Saturday's open day for members we stressed our continued com-mitment to presenting the best of the world's cinema to a wide range of audiences at the NFT. This has not changed. We are planning programmes for all three NFT cinemas on the South Bank well into early 1997. Adrian Wootton. Head, British Film Institute on the South Bank.

NO ONE prevents, and few would object to, women leasure. But there is every reason to object to the tedious and unhistorical nonsense which Rupert Jeffery (Let-ters, April 30) produces in support of their doing so. It's true that there are a few

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references to women dancing before the 20th century, but to argue from these for a female tradition is like saying that the British Army has a tradition of female fighting soldiers because a few 18th- and 19th-century women served as soldiers and marines. All the evidence is that 18th- and 19th-century Morris dancing was an overwhelmingly male pursuit: in any case, at any ate within known history, Morris dancing had nothing to do with fertility rituals. C J Bearman. 169 Avon Road, Chelmsford. Essex CM1 2LA.

We may edit letters: shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we cannot acknowledge those not used.



### Not so common in Clapham

'M surprised that your tourists in cars or coaches reporter was unable to create any serious perspectives in his article on Clapham's road-sign controversy (Village vandal strikes again to fight change, April 30).

Tourism helps to maintain essential services like the vil-lage shop and post office and is therefore welcomed by most local people. The prob-lem with over-developing tourism is that what people come to enjoy is eventually destroyed. It provides only short-term returns and, for entrepreneurs selling souve-nirs or non-essential items, has to be over-primed in the summer to enable them to survive the winter.

Congestion in small villages soon becomes intolerable and larger car parks are built to mmodate the increased traffic. The result is that many serious walkers and ramblers thereafter avoid the village and are replaced by casual day-trippers with a

To label a working village like Clapham "the Jewel of the Dales" is itself an expression of opportunistic vulgar-ity. Reporting such issues in a personalised way only reinforces the ersatz qualntness that is projected on to local people. Graham Mort. The Beeches,

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Riverside.

Central to objections to the new signs on the A65 is the fact that they will attract only

### Who's the cleverest of us all?

CHARD LYNN (Letters, April 25) would, of course, support Christopher Brand as this is precisely the poisoned "science" to which he too exposes his students. While stuients should be capable making an informed judg-ment, it is nonetheless the case that there are people who are merely encouraged in their extreme and insular attitudes by the publication of divisive

propaganda. Lynn argues that his subject is becoming taboo. Howver, it is also conceivable that most people don't actually care who scores highes in a culturally biased IQ test. Rebecca Stunell. Oakdale Road. London SE15.

AS a student of Chris Brand's during my undergraduate years at the Univer sity of Edinburgh I had numerous confrontations with him. His ideas were as objectionable then as they are now. However. I am strongly | Herts AL3.

opposed to the banning of his book. The g Factor and the calls to sack him.

by what he was arguing. Oxford Road

Of WHAT value are "intel-ligence" tests which dis-Ver Road.

I cannot help but conclude that the reaction to Brand has nothing to do with anti-racsm but everything to do with today's suffocatingly censori ous politically correct climate. We cannot deal with arguments that we find objectionable by sweeping them under the carpet I do not believe Brand's ideas are that dangerous — that stu-dents cannot handle his ideas gives him far too much credit. fellow students being taken in

Helen Guldberg. Manchester M13.

criminate between races in the way described by Christopher Brand? Fiona Harvey.

### A Country Diary

House of Commons, London SWIA QAA.

one of those spring sunsets that always seem to hatch extravagant schemes and promises. The first swallows were wheeling round the cot-tage, the nightingales were back on Salthouse Heath, add there was a birthday supper to plan for the weekend. I'd taken to browsing rather tip-sily, on red dead-nettle tops and rashly offered to make a wild vegetable stir-fry — a proverbial "mess of greens" as a starter. It turned out better than I dared expect for chilly April's end. The seaspinach wasn't quite at its tangy best yet, but gave the bass note of iodine and sunken wrecks. For ballast, and some quite palpable fibre, I added yards of goosegass, and for colour and fugitive side flavours there were deadnettles, dandelions (flowers and leaves) and hedge-carlic. But the real hit was that naturalised Roman pot-herb, alexanders, currently rampant in hedgebanks all round the coast. Serendipity lent a small

NORTH NORFOLK: It was | hand. Because several of the guests hadn't eaten quite so natively before, I felt it should be cooked separately and issued with a warning about its high, angelica aroma. I also blanched it before steaming, the first time I had bothered with such a refinement. It transformed the whole plant, making scented asparagus of the stems and cocktail broccoli of the flowerheads. There was just one thing that took some of the savour away. Near the sea-wall where the sea-spin-ach grows, the tide-line was littered with the desiccated corpses of sea-birds - razorbills, guillemots, eider ducks and still irldescent eiderdown, and whole flocks of pitiably misshapen knot - all dashed here by the terrible storm-tides that hit Norfolk in February. This is the tithe that winter exacts to make spring work. But it is a hard price to pay, and, for me at least, made that spring food seem less than free. RICHARD MABEY

Vatthew Norman

POTTED hiding behind a curtain, at a paternal-childcare conference in London yesterday, was a figure of nawonted spruceness. The wearer of a spotless threepece tweed suit was Bob Gildof. He was there, he tdd organisers of "Men and tleir Children", because he fels passionately that fathers can bond with their offspring as well as mothers. It seems his lawyers have told him that, because d his gender, he has little thance of winning custody if his daughters—Peaches, iffi Trixibelle, and Platyus Toadstool—when he is livorced from Miss Yates, and he is furious. Whether a limited by her he will arrest in the state of the state istody battle will ensue is unclear; if so, his appeal to the judge might be worth hearing. "Just give me the f\*\*\*\*\* kids. I need the kids, roight, so just give them to me now." Well, who knows? It worked for him once before.

HE Diary sends regards to Brian Silcock, whose retirement as "operations chief" of the Sunday Times was met with the news that, due to "financial pressures", the company was unable to provide any champagne for his leaving do. Mr Silcock worked for the Sunday Times for 34 years.

**ESPITE** the Guardian's report that he has been a little too cute with the crime figures, nothing seems likely to end the weird Mail on Sunday campaign for Michael How-ard to become Tory leader; yet another puff ('Howard's way in front") appeared on Sunday. Since no one seriously rates his chances — Mr Howard is regarded, after all, as the world's most competent interior minsister since Caligula's borse became Consul what on earth explains it? The answer, I gather, is Oswald, the white cotton handkerchief which has the role of mentor to MoS editor Jonathan Holborow, "It all began at a recent lunch." says a MoS executive, wearily. "Howard had one of his colds, and was forced to bor-row Oswald. The two got on famously (the hankle, named after Sir Oswald No-sely, is firmly of the right), and now that Oswald's virtually taken over as editor . . . "

lapse of its Arabic TV service, the BBC is strivmade redundant. Journal ists are especially thrilled at a document pointing out vacancies in Hong Kong, with the Disney Channel.

OR those awaiting the itinerary of Mandy Mandelson's Easter £6,000 bill for air tickets and hotels was sweetly picked up by Barclays Bank the news is disappointing. Details of the many high-level business meetings, each strengthening trade links between Hartlepool and the Orient, have yet to arrive. But I'm sure it won't be long now.

and rational Paul John-son addresses the imminent slaughter of cattle. "Cows are not just statistics," he writes, "they are God's creatures . . . In their own way they are beautiful. The colour of a fine Charolais is superb. The velvety texture of a prime Jersey makes one catch one's breath in wonder." Keen for more, we rang to ask his opinion of the yak. "I don't know anything about " said Paul (as if this was a disqualification!). and no, I know nothing about Ilamas either." Paul is moving away from meat, he says, and will soon be vegetarian. "As I get older, I am more and more overwhelmed by the wonder of life and God's creation. I'd never deliberately swat a housefly." (it will be saffron robes and chanting next) and when I was swimming in the Caspian Sea once, I found a scorpion in my shoe, but I let it get away. And once I met a tarantula in my hotel room. I'd never kill a spider. I think spiders

NE of history's long-est conflicts ends on Saturday, when hostilities between Sweden and San Marino officially cease 350 years after they first went to war. Please God, never again.



# Beginning of the end of an era

### Commentary

John Gray

HE Tory end-game has HE Tory end-game has begin. The rejection by John Major, during Chancellor Kohl's visit to Britain on Monday, of rightwing demands to rule out in advance Britain's joining a single European currency will be remembered as a defining moment in the undoing of Conservatism. The Prime Minister's remark that a ma-Minister's remark that a majority of the electorate would vote against joining, in a referendum, is an admission that he is now hostage to his own party on this issue rather than an estimate of British public opinion. There are other signs that the Conserva-tive Party is nearing the brink of a historic split; the leaked survey of members of the 92 Group of Tory right-wingers disclosing that up to 100 of them are preparing to fight the next general election on pledges to oppose a single European currency and insti-tute a wide-ranging referen-dum on Britain's relations

with the EU. John Major's strategy of

bridging the divisions within his party on Europe has al-ways been to hold to a policy of steadfast trimming and unor steamest trimming and un-alterable ambiguity. That strategy has already failed. The effect of Sir James Gold-smith's brilliantly executed political intervention can only be to accelerate a breakup of the Conservative coali-tion that is long overdue. Yet any split in the Tory party will be over much more than will be over much more than policy on Europe. It will be a parting of the ways between irreconcilably opposed kinds of rightwing thought and practice. It will signal unmistakably the end of anything resembling traditional Toryism. It will also mean the disintegration of the Tory politic.

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At tame time many rightwin bels welcome defeat as At tame time man win bels welcome de win beis welcome deteat as a ree from a party leader-shihich they despise and agat which they have ch since Mrs Thatcher wippled in 1990. From that mint the strategic interest of Tory right has favoured for a defeat.

servative Party has lost the will to rule and has itself become ungovernable. Once this belief is lodged in the public mind an electoral catstrophe is practically unavoidable.
The desperate calculation

Britain for three-quarters of the last 150 years.

Matters of political doctrine or history are far from the minds of Tory MPs at present.

Electoral survival is the dominant concern, and sheer panic scause another victory the prevailing emotion. Those would make John Major unaston are proposing to cam aliable. The risk of the paign at the general election ight's revolutionary defeaton a dissident Eurosceptism is that it fosters in voters manifesto do so in a last efforthe perception that the Contos says their seats. Many ho servative Party has lost the Britain for three-quarters of the last 150 years.

dehtwingers such as John Redwood have not yet per-ceived that national sover-

feat. They are testimony to the collapse of the traditional Tory culture in which party loyalty was maintained for the sake of power. That has been supplanted by a culture of factionalism and ideological spatfars. The Consequents cal warfare. The Conservative coalition between one-nation Tories whose overriding political goal is social stability, and neo-liberals who elevate the free market above all other social institutions, has

tive dispute over Europe is in part a symptom of this breakdown. But it is also an expression of the exhaustion of Conservative thought. None of the factions contending for con-trol of the subsiding Tory wreck has serious answers to the questions that most trou-ble late modern Britain. How can the irreversible move ment towards globalisation be made friendlier to enduring human needs? How can the

broken down.

It will mean the disintegration of the Tory machine that has ruled for three out of four of the last 150 years

in the market economy be reconciled with social cohesion? Current Conservative thought has nothing useful to say about these dilemmas. The Tory right rejects the EU as a fetter on the sover-eign nation-state. It is also committed to a minimum government which does nothing to impede the workings of the unfertered global market

moves in the Tory succession struggle. They were also evi-dence that the right has yet to understand that choice and change cannot be promoted throughout the economy but

bottled up in family life. The remnants of the Tory left are no less backward-look-ing. Their attachment to a Christian Democratic model of Europe contains no new thought on the problems facing European institutions.
One-nation Tories have not yet engaged with the question of what the role of government should be in the wake of the demolition of the post-war settlement. They have not thought how to respond to esects of Thatcherism that are

treversible.

We should not expect that the Tories will split cleanly into two rival parties animated by clearly defined philosophies. A long period of bitter rivalries, internecine warfare and slow haemor-rhaging of demoralised Conrhaging of demoralised Con-servative MPs into other par-ties is a more plausible scenario. There will be an en-during shift of power within the main body of the Conser-vatives, as a result of which it becomes a thoroughly neo-liberal and nationalist party Such a party is not easily electable in Britain — unless Labour too divides in the cru-cial area of its dealings with

The issue of Europe remains the most potentially unmanageable that has faced any British government since the second world war. All we can be sure about is that it will not finish with a bang.

# economic policies of sovereign states can be vetoed by the free global movement of capital. Nor have they grasped that deregulated markets are potent solvents of traditional forms of social life. Last week's shabby manoeuvring over Lord Mackay's proposals to reform the law of divorce were partly early moves in the Tory excession.



Isabel Hilton

T WAS one night in July 1985 that Susan Hearmon died, along with her two daughters, aged six and four. They were killed when their home was set ablaze by a man who had lived with them for six months as the children's baby-sitter. The family's home life was not ideal: the girls were born of different fathers to a mother who could scarcely look after them. But the immediate agent of their deaths was Darren Carr, a young man who was known to suffer a severe disorder and who had a history of actual violence and of murderous fantasy.

Known to whom? Known to various police forces who had arrested him, to the psychia-trists who had encountered him, to the social workers whose case he was, and to the Oxford Social Services whose caseload included Susan Hearmon and her daughters They knew, too, that he was living with the family. They had been warned that this was a dangerous man and that the family was at risk. Yet they did not tell Susan Hearmon that the man who was looking after her child-ren had attacked his own mother with a hammer, or that, following the voices in his head, he had taken to the streets of Reading one night

with a kitchen knife. Knowing all that, the social worker who belatedly visited the family after being alerted to Carr's history, and to the fact that one of the children had complained that he had attacked her, reported that he was "in control and totally was "in control and totally caring as far as the children were concerned". Those children are now dead be-cause Oxford Social Services behaved with a laxity and incompetence that defies belief, and because Carr fell into a grey area in the law.
 It is for Oxford Social Ser-

vices to account for their failings. The social worker concerned has resigned after he was discovered to have failed fantasies, it seems with hindto follow basic procedures. sight a risk that could have the grey area in the law that been minimised, had the erty long after he was recognised as a dangerous man persists. The question is: can t, or should it, be changed? It arises out of the distinction — a pretty technical one

definition of personality disorder are both wide and woolly. They include a gross dis-parity between behaviour and social norms, with a callous unconcern for the feelings of others, a proneness to blame others or to offer plausible rationalisations for behaviour that has brought a patient into conflict with society and, crucially in this case, a low tolerance of frustration and a low threshold for the discharge of aggression.

Personality disorder, legally defined as psychopathy, is not regarded by the profession as an illness in which sion as an illness in which treatment will allow the pa-tient to recover a "normal" personality. The personality you see is the "normal" one, for that individual at least And if there is no treatment the psychiatrists reason, there is no place in hospital or any reason to detain such a person. Not our problem, say the psychiatrists, no matter how dangerous he might be.

Whose responsibility is he then? The criminal law's, perhaps. But the law incarcerates people for what they have done, not what they might do; and it is hard to argue with that, even when case, of terrible violent fanta-sies. As Kate Harrison of Mind puts it, "Stop anyone on the street and you are likely to find someone with violent

HE and her colleagues argue that personality disorders can respond to treatment, especially if an individual is a willing pa-tient. But if a patient is trouoffer a legal way of making it someone elsa's problem. Equally, it is not true that there was nothing in law for Darren Carr between incarceration in a mental hospital and neglect. He was admitted at least twice to mental institutions and discharged: those discharging him had a duty of care that they, at least, seem to have regarded as finite. And when he was discharged from hospital, the possibility also existed of reviving criminal charges against him, for the assault on his mother or carrying a kitchen knife around Reading, prosecutions that might have brought him back into mental care by another route.

If it was impossible to predict with certainty that Darren Carr would act out his been maintained beyond the short-term demands of crisis killings occur, there is an expensive inquiry. But in a country in which the political for Darren Carr's victims—debate has settled, apparently between what psychiatrists. and therefore the law, regard as a mental illness, and those which party will refuse most which party will refuse most a mental illness. conditions they define as personality disorder. The phenomena that go towards a protection — we pay for.



# Brutalcost of the Bill

Jane Deighton and Sadiq han, below, argue that recent recordamages awarded against the Metropolan Police are clear signals that the countyon't tolerate flagrant miscarriages justice

N THE last three weeks juries have awarded record damages of £220,000, £108,000 and £302,000 against the Metropolitan ice Commissioner. They ald not surprise us. Dams paid by the Commissioner for the unlawful acts of officers have been rocket-over the past few years. He d £393,000 in 1986 and 60,000 last year. And, let's eit, many of these "unlawed it, it, it is is it is dismisli. When the Commissioner ic it is appeal it was satisfied beauty of the cord in the commissioner ic it is it is it is it. against the Metropolitan Police Commissioner. They should not surprise us. Dam-ages paid by the Commis-sioner for the unlawful acts of his officers have been rocket-ing over the past few years. He paid £393,000 in 1986 and £1,560,000 last year. And, let's face it, many of these "unlawful acts" are crimes to you and me. More of that later.

The surprise is that awards of this size have been so long in coming. The bulk of the awards are made up of exem-plary damages. Exemplary damages punish the defendant and deter others from behaving in the same way. They have nothing to do with com-

pensating the plaintiff.
Exemplary damages send a message from the court. Take the case of Daniel Goswell and consider what messages that jury may have felt compelled

In November 1990 Daniel Goswell was handcuffed by two police officers and truncheoned by a third, PC Trigg. on his forehead while handcuffed. He has suffered a permanent scar on his forehead, dizziness, headaches and blackouts, and his life fell apart in November 1992, as a result of a complaint brought by Daniel Goswell against PC based PC Trigg, the Commissioner award such a high figure sacked PC Trigg. This was or exemplary damages wis sacked PC Trigg. This was or exemplary damages wis sacked PC arity. PC to send a message to the well done and a rarity. PC to send a message to the Trigg was one of only 54 offi Commissioner that this sort Trigg was one of only 54 offi Commissioner that this sort or ever will be disciplined

missioner ejected his appeal tring had the arrogance to be said I was satisfied be yound reastable doubt that PC Trigg trutheened Daniel Goswell's crowd of onlookers. They also reflect the failure of the police was deste the evidence of PC Trigg all three of his colleagues to the contrary. The Commissioner must have be lieved by had lied. Yet he broug no disciplinary proceedifs. If our employers be lieved ou or I were lying to there would expect to be exemplary damages pull the worked in Daniel Goswell's case. However, in the end it didn't, and unfortunately failure is the norm. The vast majority of complaints result in no action being taken against the police officers conceined. This is because those complaints are investigated by the police themselves. Certainly complainants believe the keys to all this. If these exemplary damages pull the

The jury's message was: until you take steps to deal with officers you believe are cover-ing up for their mates, coverups will continue.

The Home Secretary retn-

stated PC Trigg. PC Trigg told the court last week that in the same circumstances he would do the same thing again. The jury's message to the Home Secretary was: you must ac-count for putting officers like that back on the streets of

London.
The damages awarded include aggravated damages, is compensation for injury to feelings caused by the circumstances of the incident. In Daniel Goswell's case they reflect the way in which he was publicly huntiliated. PC Trigg had the arrogance to

me, then perhaps they will cease to perpetrate these dreadful wrongs. If the Com-missioner learns to treat us with common courtesy and apologise when his officers

have done wrong, then per-haps we'll be less unhappy. Exemplary damages, being punishments, take into ac-count the defendant's means. The Commisioner's budget this year is £1.6 billion. If he fails to come down a peg or two in the face of these awards he will need an even larger one in the future. Meanwhile civil actions against the police will and should continue. A word about the comworked in Daniel Goswell's

### N officers prosecuted, none disciplined

S the solicitor who acted for Kenneth Hst.

— awarded £220,000

cers is unacceptable, more-over, the inference from the jury's findings must be that

for the assault, false imprisonment and racial abuse dished out to Mr Hsu.

The record for the dam ages awarded bas been broken twice in a month: it will continue to be broken until the Commissioner finally heeds juries' findings.

Sadio Khan Is a solictor at the Christian Fisher partnership

disciplined. If the police believed we were lying on oath
we would expect to be prosecuted. What does the Commissioner think he is doing letting
those officers go unpunished?
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PCA's attitude to complainants who wish both to complain about police bethome Secretary, the Commissioner and his officers down a
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Police Complaints Authority. ciplinary action and to sue with the hope of securing compensation. Many of those com-plainants are advised by solicitors like myself to pursue the civil action first so that they have the advantage of their complaints being investigated by lawyers on their behalf rather than by police officers on the Commissioner's.

In those circumstances more often than not the PCA will "dispense" with the com-plaint, citing the need for expedition as their rather curious justification. (In 1993 the PCA dispensed with 7,075 com-plaints, and refused to dis-pense with just 9. They do not reasons.) This produces the anomaly of court after court finding the Commissioner lia-ble for the unlawful acts of police officers with no disciplinary or criminal proceedings being taken against those officers. The least the PCA could do is to insist that disciplinary proceedings follow such court decisions.

Many civil-liberties lawyers have felt quite small over the years because we had not managed to persuade juries to compensate victims of police brutality properly or award adequate exemplary damages while victims of compara-tively trivial libels were walking from court rich superstars. Perhaps these last three jury awards have begun to tilt the balance in favour of commonsense and some improvement in police behaviour.

Jane Delghton, a partner in . Deighton Guedalla, solicitors represented Daniel Goswall

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# Elegant lines from Mexico

was a writer at the heart of Mexican culture since the 1950s. That was no small feat. Mexican culture is one of the richest and liveliest in the world: a country that can boast several first-rate weekly literary supplements and one of the best magazines in any lan-guage — Vueltata, edited by Nobel Prize-winner Octavio Paz -- offers more than many a large capital in the industrialised world. Garcia Terrés had been connected to Paz and

his group since his youth. leadingly. Garcia Terres eemed to have had a conven tional career as a cultural bureaucrat. He studied law but also graduated in aesthet-

Zora Arkus-Duntov

Corvette

and engineering expertise of Zora Arkus-Duntov.

Chevrolet Corvette might

stodgy tourer, rather than be-

coming a seminal automobile.

sports car. Duntov was not short of courage, behind the wheel or in the boardroom.

His talent was nurtured as

an engineer and a racing

driver. He won his class at the Le Mans 24-hour race in 1954

and 1955, and at the Pikes

loted a pre-production 1956 Chevrolet to a stock car re-

cord time that remained un-

following year he broke the

flying mile record at Florida

special that used an engine

equipped with his own high-

Born in Belgium of Russian

parents, Duntov studied engi-

neering at Leningrad Univer-

sity before starting his career in Germany and Belgium. In

1940, he moved to New York to set up a machine shop with

After wartime military pro-

jects he designed and built

the Ardun overhead valve cyl-

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his brother, Yuri.

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Wizard of the

beaten for 13 years. The gramme. By 1956 he was a de-

ico, the smothering benevolence of the (PRI) Institutional Revolutionary Party's cul-tural apparatus. But like a few other Mexican intellectuals he somehow managed to keep both his talent and integrity while serving the state.

The Mexican Revolution

opened a breathing space for intellectuals without exacting much more than formal conformity. Like some of the best, Garcia Terrés decided to work for the nation and make the best of a regime that, at its intellectuals, and generally respected and honoured art highly ambitious or those who preferred their culture spiced with power got corrupted. Garcia Terres worked for

company, for which Duntov

His accent was often de-

but he used it to good effect. "Anyone with a foreign ac-

cent can get away with argu-

ments," observed former GM chief stylist William L Mitch-

ell, "because they're hard to understand." It was a

research report that he sent to Ed Cole, Chevrolet's then

engineering chief and future president, that got Duntov a job in the research and devel-

formance of the fledgling Corvette and soon found his way

on to the Corvette pro-

sign and development engi-

neer, working on the

Rochester fuel injection sys-

His devotion was evident

even at this stage of his 22

years with Chevrolet While

testing a car with experimen-

tal disc brakes Duntov

crashed and broke a vertebra.

He was forced to wear a body

cast, so he worked standing

Duntov also organised a factory team for the 1957 Sebr-

ing race, from which came the Corvette SS. Five-times

world champion Juan Fangio

was so impressed by the car

that he drove it to an unofil-

up for six months.

tem for the 1957 Corvette.

opment division in 1953. He spent his spare time im-proving the handling and per-

worked and raced until 1952.

AIME Garcia Terres, | corridors of power, and that | las Artes, where he became meant at the time and in Mex- | deputy director; taught at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (where as chief of cultural affairs he edited important literary publications of superb typographical elegance); and became a cional. He also was deputy director of the Fondo de Culture

Economica, the Mexican state

publishing house, during one

of the best periods of this key

Latin American institution. As with so many Mexican writers of distinction — from Amado Nervo to Fernando del Paso - he worked for the Foreign Ministry, as director of archives, and was ambassador to Greece between 1960 and 1970. His Greek penchant was an important aspect of both his work and personality. His book on Greece, Relaj De the time. Garcia Terres's po-Atenas (1977), blends travel etic style was very much the

also translated the poetry of the service an intelligence | subtle poise between ambigu-George Seferis, Cavafy and other Greek authors into When hillered poem were publis by the Fondo de Cultura Lomica the full Spanish. Also distinguished are his translations of French and English authors, includ-

ing John Donne. Poetry was Garcia Terres driving passion, although passion is a word difficult to associate with the urbane and witty easiness of his personality. His first book of poems, Las Provincios Del Aire, was published in 1956 and was a succés d'estime. By the time of publication of his second volume of verse, Los Reinos Combatientes (1961), and then Todo La Más Por Decir (1971) and Corre La Vaz (1980), his work was already a point of reference for many of those who preferred to skew the verbal torrentiality fashionable at

significance Garcia Ter-res's work c to light He camot be cally major poet; his work will, stand com-parison with sting achie-vennts such attavia Par's. But it was not unt to. Garcia Terres was e happy to declare himself mor poet; "Anywhere been, say, Blaise Cendrars i Manuel Bandeira." he ed admit after a long lumin some minor, exquisite rurant in a faraway Meh City

a faraway Meh City neighbourhood.
The choice of n<sub>s</sub> was careful. A well-knownench poet who was actua Swiss and a Brazilian one vapol-ogised for being a mi poet in one of the most nous lines of his languations.

ity writ large and the fastidious clarity of detail was all on Bandeira's concept of minor poetry: it is as good as the best, but appeals to a smaller sometimes more select, audience, which looks for elective affinities far from

Garcia Terrés was also an eclectic, refined essayist, starting quite early with Sobre La Responsabilidad Del Escritor (1949), followed by Los Irifiernos Del Pensamiento (1966) and Poesia Y Alguimia (1980). The title of his 1961 volume La Feria De Las Dias became the title of his collected

the beaten track.

Jaime Gartia Terres, poet and essayist born May 15, 1924; died



Bob Mellors (obtuery, April 13) while I was living and working in Warsaw from 1991-93. Bob was a known gay man, erging since the late 1980s and while he was open about ris sexuality (to me at least), esbians and gay men Poland is grim and people to do not fit into Poland's Sposedly homogeneous cul-be find it difficult to get on

ne result of Bob's murder habeen police harassment of youg gay men. One young ma\_ who never met Bob was eld in connection with the nurder for 48 hours with-out eint read his rights. Other have been interviewed iggresitely and verbally ibuse (ind outed to their parential teast one case) by the plie. My friend com-pared police's activity to totalitarian state. probay complicated by Bob's tatuss a foreigner in Wartastesir much younger men and his been visited by the olicerho let him know they knew him. I am shocked at pe hottic way he died.

the dering writes: I am add to the Guardian published n obituary of Christophr line (April 23), but it mis a montion is made of re te books of autobiograpy and philosophy, thrug which shine an undestiding and forgiving persusty. His *The Path Throughthe Trees*, is dedi-cated to is wife, Clare, and

daughtLesley, and "to the memory my Father". I rediffic Path Through The Treat a time of great personi grow and wrote to Christole to thank him, and receive seply from a men of modesty of sincerity. This began arndship, rewarding to me, the dof which I truly mourn, bey and Clare have suffered reat loss, as have

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A collection of short stories ognition de, also, too late for her fulto appreciate it: questions ere answered. with greatharm and poli-tesse, but ofelt that she had

**Donald Cammell** 

# No repeat performance

that better encapsulate drug-crazed Swinging Performance, though it was only seen by the general public in January 1971, three years after it was made, and then in a heavily-edited version. Like Michael Powell's Peeping Tom, another film lier, it shocked by exceeding the boundaries of good taste that has always epitomised

It was also the first feature directed by leading cinema tographer Nicolas Roeg. Shar-ing the director's credit was Donald Cammell, who has died aged 62. The Edinburgh-born Cammell studied art at the Roys! Academy and by the early sixties had become a fashionable portraitist, whose studio was off the trendy King's Road in Chelsea, and who was married to a Greek stariet called Maria Andina.

eitgeist, Cammell sported a Beatle haircut experimented with drugs, painted psyche delic pictures, mixed with rock stars, had a spell in Paris, and found himself cowriting the screenplay for a typical flashy sixties heist film called Duffy (1967). Star-ring James Coburn and Robert Parrish, and filmed on

location in Tangiers. The publicity material for

Performance — which Warner Bros had "locked up" for three years since 1968, because they were dismayed at what they had financed — revealed the studio's puzzlement on how to market the picture: "This film is about madness. And sanity. Fantasy, And reality. Death. And life. Vice. And versa." In fact, it is a superbly-shot, deeply disturbing, complex, often pretentious, often brilliant, parable of confused identity. An eerily plausible James Fox, cast against type, played a sadistic gangster on the run, who rents a room in the Notting Hill Gate mansion of Mick Jagger, a reclusive, sexrock star. Fox, the antithesis of Jagger, is offered women and some strong mushrooms before literally swapping per-sonalities with the singer.



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equally baffling.

After the release of Perfo mance, Cammell settled is mon Seed, a nasty but entertaining sci-fi fantasy the Third Kind. It told of a scientist who installs an artificial brain in his nitra-modern house, but the computer takes over everything, terrorentist's wife (Julie Christie).

Cammell bad to wait a furanother film. White of the Eye, again moving into questiona women-hating serial killer. It did no business, and Cammell and his second wife, China King, drifted around Hollywood, desperately atliving on options. Perhaps his character was too uncomprobizarre, to make much headway in the commercial movie industry, which has little pity for film-makers who stray from the herd. Most of all story is that of a man who could never recapture the significance that the cultural explosion of the sixties

Donald Cammell, born January



Spirit of the sixties . . . Jagger and friends in Performance

### Birthdays

Naim Attalleh, publisher, 65; Gary Bertini, conductor, 69; Ian Curteis, playwright, 61; Prof Lord Ralf Dahrendorf, Warden, St Antony's College, Oxford, 67; Glenn Ford, actor. 30; Gordon Greenldge, crick-eter, 45; Joseph Heller, novel-ist, 78; Joanna Lumley, actress, 50; Dame Felicity Peake, first director, WRAF. 83; Sir Bob Reid, chairman, Sears, former chairman, Brit-ish Rail, 62 Una Stubbs, actress, 59; Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, 66: Wendy Toye, director, chore ographer, actress, dancer, 79; Mike Watson, Labour MP, 47; Sir John Wheeler, Conservative MP, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, 56; Admiral Sir John (Sandy) Woodward, commander, Falklands

### Death Notices

denty in hospital and late of Didsbury, Willi-fred eged 85 years, wife of the late ALAN, beloved Stater and Friend, Loved cousin of EDNA, casing thand of UAL, JEANY, BETH and PIOBERT, Service and committal as and ruceserf. Service and committal at Manchester Crematorium, on Saturcke, May 4 at 10.30am. Donesione, to be divided between "Making Space" (a Schizopheria charny; and The Leaveners Queer (Arts Charly) of Geeks, No.3 Parkway, Willmakev. Charly in Servician in American Charles

### Births

### Birthdays

Labour Party hasn't much to do

with Labour, You don't note and

"love" your partner. You are ironic, and bored except in Tar-

antino films, which can have

lots of witty "violence"

in them. The last time you

saw a cow it was in a tank

A policeman's lot . . . noted

tean Times and now here:

PC Terry Chard, 30, was dis-

down in the Morning Star, the

Sussex Evening Argus, the For-

patched to guard a black metal "landmine" washed up at Whi

tecliffe Bay beach on the Isle of

Wight. He stood in guard for

five hours in the pouring rain

before being told by bomb dis-

posal experts that it was a drain

of formaldehyde, next to

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# iterary journeys into the interior

ADELEINE Bourdouxhe, who has died
aged 89, had a small

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Car and star . . . Zora Arkus-Duntov and (above left) his legacy, the Corvette

differentials.

Duntov lived and breathed | Sting Ray. As director of high | but retained close ties with racing. Even when the Auto- performance vehicles, Duntov | the Corvette and was

was responsible for its engine

design and for a chassis

which stayed in production for 20 years. In 1968, he be-

brought to the Corvette disc brakes, independent rear sus-

pension and limited slip

He also masterminded the

experimental CERV-II, the

world's first mid-engined car

with full-time four-wheel

He retired six years later,

first appeared in English as A Nail, A Rose (1989); La Fenune De Gilles was published here States in 1994.

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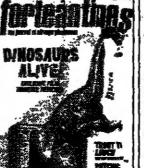
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ing cows. Pure anarchy: You have two cows. Either you sell the milk at a fair price or your neighbours try to take the cows and kill you.

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Surrealism: You have two giraffes. The government requires you to take harmon-

First thoughts from Jackdam: Post-modernism: There is a genetically engineered com, called Madonna, with extra ud-ders. The cow shed — featured in Blueprint — looks like an Egyptian pyramid. The cow doesn't produce milk but blue Pepsi. You don't own the cow. It belongs to a multi-national. It's not at all clear who is running the planet and even the weather is completely out of whock. Gen-der is an issue. You work in a burger bor but no longer eat

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### Madeleine Bourdouxhe

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oeuore, an unusual literary most significant women writ-ers of the century. Simone de by Gallimard in 1937 to great most significant women writ-

novel, La Femme de Gilles, an erotic tragedy set in a Belgian Beauvoir singled her out in critical acclaim. But when The Second Sex (1949) for her war broke out she disap-

gium produced one of her finest stories, Sous le Pont Mira-beau, a barely fictionalised account of her flight into

Manufacturers

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ing Duntov spent hours de-livering covert technical ad-

vice over the telephone to Corvette racers, supplied

parts through the back door

and turned up — "on a casual basis" — at events. He linked

the Corvette with racing suc-

cess, keeping it alive during difficult times.

The Corvette SS provided

the basis for the 1963 Corvette

rest of her life she wrote when she could, often late into the night, in her apart ment in Les Sablons, the Latin quarter of Brussels. France with her baby Marie. It was only a decade ago in 1943 a second novel, A La that she began to be reprinted Recharche De Marie, was publin French and to be translated.

in 1992, and in the United Bourdouxhe's writing is

the Corvette and was

regarded as a hero by its fans.

He celebrated his 85th birth-

day at the home of Corvettes

in Bowling Green, Kentucky

where a street has been named in his honour. The 120,000 Corvette fans present

gave him a standing ovation. He leaves his wife Elfi, and

Zora Arkus-Duntov, engineer.

born 1909; died April 21 1996

1,070,000 Corvette owners.

characterised by her poetic, sometimes surreal manner, and invokes many of the themes of contemporary femi-nism: the relationship between memory and experience, the meaning of silence, a concern for people whose

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Jackdaw

### Dead unlucky

Guitar World has been bringing its readers up to date with developments on the Nortoegian "black metal" scene: I AM not a satanist," says Hellhammer. "Being a Satanist doesn't make sense to me because Satanists always end up destroying thesmelves."

As the drummer for the appropriately named Mayhem, one of Norway's leading blackmetal bands, Hellhammer knows all about chaos and destruction. In 1991 his vocalist, Dead, blew his own head off. Two years later, Mayhem bassist Count Grishnakh murdered the band's guitarist, Euronymous, in order to gain | buds with obscure meals."

control of an underground Satanic movement that claimed responsibility for torching lozens of Norway's oldest and

In the final analysis, Euronymous might have gotten exactly what was coming to him. Before his own death, he'd bragged about scooping Dead's brains out of his skull cooking them up and munching out on the grisly goop.

most historic churches.

Hellhammer, aware that every band endures occasional personal problems, stood fast in the face of all the tbacks. Despite the carnage, he's still kicking the skins for Mayhem, which, he says, is a better band than ever.
"Dead was always obsessed

by death," he deadpans. "He was a weird guy. I liked Euronymous, but I have to admit that he was planning to kill Grishnakh." As for the brain bouillabaisse cooked up by Grishnakh, the sensitive Hellhammer found the whole episode distasteful, even offensive. "Grishnak made a stew out of the brains, but I refused to eat it because I like to cook, and I can't destroy my taste

### Di's champion Remember that moment in Arthurian films when the jous

ing trumpet has been blown and no knight seems to be prepared to defend the honour of the beautiful damsel? Suddenly a night in glimmer ing armour appears on a mighty steed. Hark, we hear the sounds of hoofs. Hither he comes, Sir Paul Johnson, riding Evening Standard, his nighty lance at the ready: Among the women who preable dinner parties or circulat on the cocktail round. I know of scarcely one who is not now busy slagging the Princess . . .

The envious chatterers are particularly obsessed with the Princess's eyes, and the skilful use she makes of them. "Those beautiful, mad eyes," said one of her female critics to me, don't they make your blood run cold?" Hence the rumours, first circulated by the Prince's courtiers, now endlessly repeated by the massed ranks of the jealous wives - and made more credible by the Princess's unfortunate resort to a notorious shrink - that

Diana is bonkers. Daffy, squirrelly bananas, dippy, wacko, a loony, off the wall, in orbit—these are only some of the exabout her by high-placed womenfolk. They feel uptaged, out-smarted and made to look plain, frumpy, and dishevelled by this spectacular

war-cry of the Ugly Sisters, the spiteful sour revenge on Beauty by the Beasts, the crabby comeback of the unovely and unloved. I notice that the only society women who have a good word for Di-ana are precisely those who keep their looks — and their lovers. All the rest are beating the drum for Charles.

The madness of Diana is the

### Udder theory

NEED a little help with those exams in political theory? Lindsay Marshall in Newcastle offers the following definitions rom the Net: Feudalism: You have two cows. Your lord takes some of

Pure socialism: You have two

cows. The government takes

the milk.

ers. The government gives you as much milk and eggs the regulations say you should need. Fascism: You have two cows. The government takes both, hires you to take care of them, and sells you the milk. Pure communism: You have two cows. Your neighbours help you take care of them, and you all share the

take care of them, but the government takes all the Cambodian communism: You have two cows. The government takes both and

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# NatWest to cut more jobs

# We make too many mistakes'

ATWEST yester-day told staff that the bank makes "too many mis-takes" and offers a service which "is no better than some competitors who charge less" as it unveiled plans for a major efficiency drive which looks set to see the loss of thousands of jobs. In internal documents

being circulated to its 48,000 strong workforce, the bank took the highly unusual step of admitting that it risks losing market share to more efficient rivals cient rivals.

It refused to speculate on how many jobs face the axe. But management and unions are in the process of negotiating measures to help out casualties which could include radical stars such as helping. radical steps such as helping fund redundant staff to take degrees at university.
According to the policy doc-

Bank, NatWest says urgent action is needed to restructure because "our customers are changing the way they bank". At the same time, the document warns that it faces the likes of Abbey National, a

the likes of Abbey National, a merged Lloyds/TSB, together with Virgin, First Direct and Save and Prosper.

The bank needs to be turned around by a major rationalisation programme, which will include: which will include: Reducing the number of paper processing and admin-istrative centres from 150 to iust 50: and

Shutting another 350 branches to leave a nation-wide network of 1,750.

well as estending networks of cash dispensers and telephone banking services. The result will be that far more of its staff will work directly with a stomers.

"Currently a minority of our staff are dedicated to dealing directly with customers face to face or over the telphone and this will change substantially. By the year 2000 it will tially. By the year 2000 it will be almost two-thirds of our

smaller workforce".

The programme, which can be achieved over the next three years, will result in the bank "continuing to lose more jobs than we can cre-ate". But NatWest, which has already axed 16,000 staff over the past five years, refused to

remainder of the year.
According to the document unhelpful headlines and spec-ulative scare stories in the

press which will cause con-cern to you and to our ustomers". But unions welcomed the bank's willingness to liaise over the job cuts. Rory Mur-phy, of the NatWest Staff

to full-time working.
Bifu, the banking and

finance union, said: "NatWest of profit and competitiveness, have given a commitment to but to suffer a serious and

ber of redundancies, although there will be no new compulsory redundancies during the departure from previous arbi trary job culls. We welcome NatWest's attempts to minimise the impact on staff by involving staff and unions

The document, drawn up by NatWest retail banking chief Tony Warren, states: "We are just not as efficient as we need to be." The bank admits that it faces a growing threat from changes among its

Association, was particularly competitors.

"The effects of these the bank offering redundant staff help with studying at university or other alternatives competitors with lower costs." than ours. The alternative is not to maintain current levels

# Caught napping? Install a cashpoint



Edited by Alex Brummer

EHIND the headline fig-ures of branch closures and lost jobs at Britain's biggest domestic bank. NatWest, is the fascinating admission that changes in the financial sector are undermining its competitive edge.

A circular to staff acknowle edges that NatWest has been

caught napping by a series of changes in domestic banking the conversion of building societies like Abbey National mergers such as that between Lloyds and TSB; and the arrival of new brands in the financial marketplace like irgin, First Direct and Save and Prosper.
As NatWest's operation

chief for UK banking Tony Warren bluntly puts it: "The effect of these changes is that our best customers are being targeted by competitors with To address the problem,

NatWest is planning an extensive restructuring with a clear focus on automation Among the changes planned are more cash machines in more locations; use of swipe cards for counter transac tions; electronic data storage and automated lending so that all documentation and fee charging could be handled eventually by computer. Hopefully, NatWest will also look at the excessive ar-

rangement fees it currently charges. Plainly, with the high stree

becoming more crowded and competitive — as the current battle for mortgage and sav ings business demonstrates — NatWest needs to make the changes to maintain its mar ket advantage. It deserves credit for seeking to carr them out in a reasonably humane way with an early warning system of major voluntary redundancy and the promise of a university discarded.

What a pity, though, that the first that many staff heard of the likely job losses was over the radio.

### Pensions Jackpot

IRMS may grumble that the outcome of the longrunning battle over dis closing directors' pensions will result in extra work, even if that is true, it is worth governance improvements of the past few years which have exposed routine abuses.

The Cadbury Committee, the Greenbury Committee, and now the Hampel Committee, came into existence be-cause of abuses of board power — among other things, because directors were paying themselves too much through risk-free options and | could be.

unearned bonuses. If thos abuses had not existed it would be possible to do without all the extra rules and the

copious disclosure.

Pensions is the last, and most complex, of the issues raised by the Greenbury commitee on top pay, which reported last summer. The committee made certain that pay increases would be fully reported in a company's annual accounts. But its nembers also realised that shareholders and others should also be able to see the effect on directors' pensions of those increases

Greenbury called for simple, understandable annual reporting of how directors' pension entitle-ments had changed during the year. That has not been simple to achieve, despite the simple to achieve, despite the best efforts of the actuaries. The real problem is that in many companies the resulting figures are embarraseingly large.

The actuaries' preferred calculation method was critically large.

cised as producing "volatile" figures. But the difficulty was that it produced benefit figures ten times the size of the alternative approach.
If directors do not like those

figures, the solution is not nearly as difficult as the task of calculating the statistics. The solution is to stop abusing their power. Final year pay rises for retiring directors result in huge costs. That should be disclosed, as will now harmon. Even better now happen. Even better. such huge rises should not be paid, or pensions should be based on figures which aver-age the last few years' pay.

### Ferry wars

N the face of it, P&O's quarterly statistics yesterday were awful — with passenger numbers on the Dovar-Calais route down by almost a fifth.
But beneath the surface, the

picture is not quite so bad, with some of the other figures released, such as those for looking healthier.

The fall on the Dover-Calais route was to be expected, and will continue — at least in the short term — as Eurotunne edges closer to its natural market share.

More exciting over coming nonths will not be whether P&O can claw back some of this market share, but whether it will finally make its long-expected challenge to government restrictions stopping it from tie-ups with rival ferry operators, like Stena.

It now has a legitimate case for trying. When P&O last embarked on tentative merger talks with Stena three years ago, the Government stamped on it, rightly arguing that competition on the crosschannel routes would be hit.

The same case cannot be put now. The ferry operators have seen their market share savaged by Eurotunnel, while the market has been robust enough for Sea France to

enter it.

A full merger between P&O and Stena is not the answer. But a pooling of resources, such as marketing and reservations. vation systems, certainly

# Lang devalues **Euro currency**

HE Government's hardunderlined yesterday when the Trade Secretary, Ian Leng, joined forces with Bank of England Governor Eddie George in stressing that Britain could survive outside

monetary union.

Mr George said Europe's high unemployment meant the single-currency project was fraught with risk, adding that the UK should only join if it looked like it was going to be a "safe club".

Meanwhile Mr Lang, one of the Prime Minister's closest allies in Cabinet, outlined a crusade for global free trade

within 25 years. The Governor said he was nervous about the tight time-table for a single currency, because Europe's long dole queues made it very difficult know whether countries had converged sufficiently and would "stay on an even keel with each other".

ne on BBC Radio 2's Jimmy Young programme, Mr George said the final deci-sion would be a matter for

But he added: "Economi-

afe club to join."

If it looked as though the tough criteria for joining the Euro on debt, budget deficits, ening opposition to a inflation and exchange rates, single currency was erlined yesterday when would be in Britain's interest to stay outside, he said.

Britain could survive, and maybe even thrive, as long as it did not regard remaining outside the Euro as an excuse not to pursue disciplined

macro-economic policies.

Mr Lang, speaking to the
British-American Chambers
of Commerce, said: "We have
become too focused on the European issue at the expense of our place on the

wider scene." In a clear nod to the sceptical wing of his party, he said:
"As well as making ourselves
the Enterprise Centre of Europe, I want to position Britain as the world leader in driving a global movement to tear down barriers to trade."

Highlighting the £40 billion of goods traded between the the UK and the US each year. Mr Lang said moves to an en-tirely free world market He said: "Just as there is no place for Little Englandism" we must be vigilant in ensuring that Europe has the vision to see beyond the bogus at-tractions of "Littlecally, I think the issue for us tractions of when the time comes is going Europeanism."

# **Colonial jumps** mutual ship

Cliff Jones

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USTRALIAN insurance and financial services Group yesterday became the latest mutual to opt for a stock market flotation. Some 360,000 policyholders

in the UK will receive a bonus

when the insurer goes public in a Elbillion flotation in the first half of 1997. Colonial's chairman, David Adam, said at yesterday's annual general meeting: "It

has not been possible for any company to limit itself to a mutual and still become The latest announcement signals another nail in the coffin of mutuality, following flotation announcements from building societies in-

cluding the Woolwich and the The Halifax last month bought mutual insurer Cleri-cal Medical for £800 million and the future of Friends

Sun Alliance emerged as the favourite to take it over.

Colonial members will be invited to vote on the flotation proposals at an extraordinary general meeting in No-vember. The Group has not yet decided whether the flotation will take place on the UK or the Australian market. Malcolm Tarling, a spokes-

man for the Association of British Insurers, said yesterday: "The whole life industry is reviewing its postion as a mutual movement." Colonial's UK subsidiary, ranked forty-third in the UK, has more than 500,000 British policyholders, although not all will benefit from the payout. The insurer has set a cut-off date of April 30 and people who took out policies after this date will not reap the

rewards. A spokeswoman for the society said those with Colonial personal equity plans will not receive a bonus, but more than 360,000 life and unit-linked policy holders are Provident is in doubt after expected to benefit.



# ready to motor with new chums

the Pamous Five, Noddy and their chums from the Enid Blyton stable got under way yesterday when the new owner of the prolific author's output revealed the first stage of its plan to catapult them to worldwide brand stardom.

In true Blyton spirit, the adventure will take them to faraway places where they will face excitement and danger — in the form of rival characters ranging from Thomas the Tank En-gine to the Disney team.

The Five, together with the Secret Seven, Noddy, and Blyton's lesser-known characters such as Amelia Jane, were acquired in January by the Trocadero company, which owns an enter tainment complex at London's Piccadilly Circus.

Having obtained "the freehold" as chairman Nigel Wray put it yesterday, the company has since at-tempted to intangle 7,000 licensing contracts and plan "the comprehensive media and marketing support they deserve" — including a Disney-style parade of Blyton characters around the Trocadero.

The result will be a fami-iliar merchandising blitz, taking in grocery promotions and a national trea-sure hunt. A television series of the Famous Five stories, already shown in HTV and Tyne-Tees regions. will be screened nationally this summer and a second series is under way, fi-nanced jointly with the German public channel, ZDF. Channel 5 will show an



No more PC Plod . . . Noddy contemplates Disney-style stardom PHOTOGRAPH: GARRY WEASER

twice a week when it goes on air next year, and an-other series is being pro-duced for New Lealand TV. The BBC's Noddy series has already gone down well in Japan and 31 other countries, while BBC Books has sold the Noddy stories in Norwegian. Dutch and French.

This commercialisation sits uneasily with the innocence of Toytown and the keep the modern executive Julian might Famous Five's pursuit of in suits and champagne mighty queer, smugglers and ginger ale, very long. "I would be most show business.

her 1950s' stories, and her insistence that the aim was to aid children's education, Blyton launched a collec-tion of Noddy torches, toys and toddlers clothes. Sales have been about £1 million a year — a lot of

ginger ale and ice cream for the Five — but it would not

Enid Blyton adventure | but it continues a tradition | disappointed if we didn't her death in 1968.

Despite the innocence of her aims to capitalise on Blyton's centenary to launch the characters into the 21st century, including new media such as CD-Rom. The centenary is not

until next year, but as Mr Wray said: "Having a commercial eye on the matter, we're beginning celebra-tions this year." Julian might think that mighty queer, but this is

## Deal struck on top pensions

required to disclose two sets of figures for the value of directors' pensions under a compromise reached in the battle between companies and shareholders. The Stock Exchange has accepted the recommendations of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, asked by last year's Greenbury Committee on top pay to come up with a method of calculating the value of pension benefits.

OMPANIES will be

The IFA stuck by its original recommendation that the best figure was the value of a pension if it were transferred to a different fund. But it has bowed to pressure from organisations like the Confed-

to report the year's accrued benefit — the extra amount of annual pension as a result of the year's increases. Companies will not have to disclose a transfer value if they provide enough detail for that to be worked out by a reader of the accounts.

eration of British Industry

and called for companies also

Martin Broughton, chairman of the CBI's companies committee which has lobbied against the transfer value method, said: "These recommmendations meet the need for greater transparency and openness called for in the

Greenbury Report."
But the National Association of Pension Funds said it was glad that companies will also have to disclose transfer

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### Blowing a fuse Complaints to electricity companies; % change 1991 - 95 Supply and power cuts **Total Complaints** Disputed accounts East Midlands London Manweb Midlends Northern NORWEB SEEBOARD Southern SWALEC South Western Yorkshire **D17** Hydro-Electric Scottish Power Total

### **Watchdog warms PowerGen not to renege**

PowerGen was warned HE electricity generator yesterday by the industry watchdog that it would face a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry if it reneged on undertakings to dispose of two power stations to Eastern Group, the regional electricity company owned by Hanson.

Professor Stephen Little-child indicated that an MMC inquiry was inevitable if lis carried out his threat of tions that National Power is last week to hold on to 2,000 | preparing to announce hefty megawatts of generating pay-outs to shareholders of up capacity slated for sale to foster competition. The compa-

blocked its plans to buy Mid-lands Electricity. ing at the publication of the Prof Littlechild said more competition was needed and that it would be a "serious situation" if PowerGen refused

to comply with the sale.
Although he refused to comment on speculation that the American utility the Southern Company was preparing a bid for PowerGen's larger rival. National Power, the watchdog indicated that he was against the creation of very large groups owning both genera-tion and distribution.

Commenting on suggestaken after the Government | power and very high profits." | control.

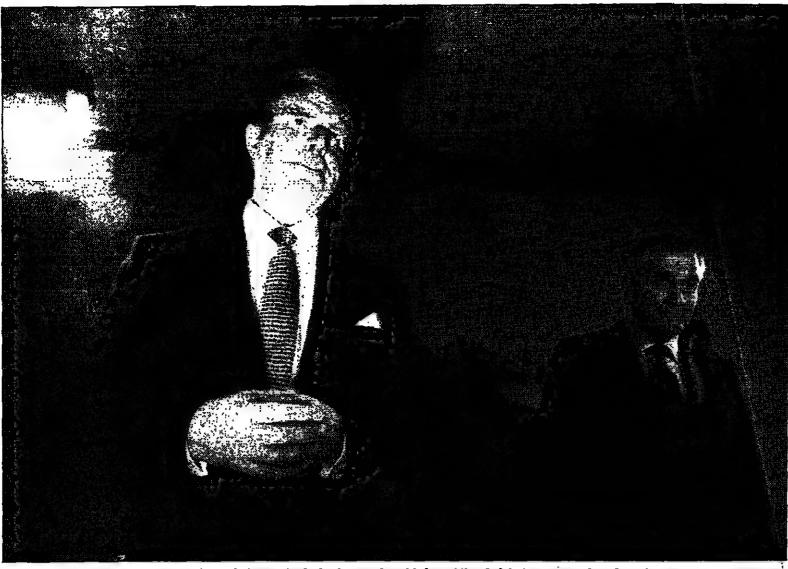
annual report of the Office of Electricity Regulation (Offer). The report revealed complaints by customers have fallen by half since privatisation. The main exception is at East Midlands Electricity, where complaints have increased by 66 per cent in the last year over accounts. power cuts, and payment

terms for debts and disputes.

Prof Littlechild was speak

At its interim results last December, the company announced a £238 million special dividend for shareholders. The company denied that the rise in complaints was due to cost-cutting to finance shareholder pay-outs, but the result of an unexplained rise in queny's bard-line stance was was "evidence of market ries which was already under

### Cedric Brown retires feeling a little hurt. Martyn Halsall reports



Stepping off the gas . . . Richard Giordano, chairman, in the background as chief executive Cedric Brown rounds on his critics PHOTOGRAPH

# Scalded fat cat exits

most vilified com-pany director of terday retired as chief executive of British Gas by the scalding acrimony over his £475,000 salary.

Industry's most prominent "fat cat" was combative to the end. He rounded on critical media questions, after the company's annual meeting in Birmingham, and censured the Government for insufficient enthusiasm towards privatisation.

didn't stand up and argue the case for privatisation." he "I think they let it drift and let it run away from

He denied that controversy over his salary "tarnished" privatisation. Declining further comment on his 75 per cent increase, which turned last year's annual meeting into a verbal battlefleid. Mr Brown said of the jibes: "Undoubtedly some of it did hurt if you are a human being, some of that is going to hur But he robustly defended changes sweeping "the best gas company in the world" and claimed lapses in stan

EDRIC Brown, the dards of service would be rec-most vilified com-pany director of terday showed customer complaints rose 11 per cent in the first three months of 1996, to a record 16,899.

"Standards have fallen; there is no doubt about that." Mr Brown said. Change could not proceed without some difficulties.

Mr Brown, who entered the industry 43 years ago as a lab-oratory assistant, testing gas at Rotherham, plans to include fishing and more time with his family in a future financed by a £250,000 pension | call of last year for the resig-

On privatisation:

On his critics:

of that is going to hurt'

to secure for their pilots basic standards that colleagues in

the West have accepted as the

The hazards of flying were

For political reasons, Ifalpa

is reluctant to draw attention

members have to co-exist

radar is inadequate and

Even so, African pilots man-

age. In the conference bars, they defended the conditions

they had to work under, saying that developing countries

could not afford to install the kind of technical equipment used in other continents. One

of them suggested that the larger air carriers which fly

into Africa might contribute

A pilot from a West Indian

island with close links to Brit-

ain described how his local

organisation is involved in talks with his government in

an effort to get landing lights installed at isolated airports.

It gets dark very quickly after 5pm and if services are de-layed, pilots have to land blmd. "We have not had a

Captain McInnis echoed

forced to sign individual con-

tracts. The present accident rate is unsustainable, he ar-

gued, and he wants to make sure that efforts to improve it

towards improvements.

holiday destinations.

norm for years.

On customer service:

Parting thoughts

I'd better save something for my book." he said.

The meeting, with only 500 largely pacific shareholders and without "Cedric" the overweight protest pig, con-tained few references to his finances. Richard Giordano. the chairman, drew some applause when he praised Mr Brown for his part in the company's development.

Oxford artist, repeated his and a £121,000 one-year con-sultancy with British Gas. after a "catastrophic year"

'I regret the Government didn't stand up and argue the case for

privatisation. I think they let it drift and let it run away from them'

'Undoubtedly some of it did hurt — if you are a human being, some

my advice," he said.

Other shareholders criticleed government gas competition policy and Mr Glordano indicated his agreement. Competition, orginally intended for completion by 2002, had been accelerated to 1998. threatening a crisis when potential oversupply was linked with a collapse in the spot

"As long as such a huge proportion of the available gas is locked up at high prices, well above the current

He might also become an for British Gas. "I am glad to liberalisation will not be author, he hinted yesterday. see that Cedric Brown, al"Before I start rambling on though belatedly, has taken"."The plain fact is that with the domestic market opening up to competition in the next

two years, the current situa-

tion is unsustainable. It

threatens the orderly transi-

tion to a fully competitive market. Mr Giordano said "mutually acceptable changes" to gas contracts were being pursued with producers to achieve deals "that recognise current market realities

He drew a contrast with dewhere solutions had been brokered "in an even-handed nanner by regulatory authorities and governments"

He also threatened to take to the Monopolles and Mergers Commission the new pricing formula for transmitting gas if this failed to "strike an equitable balance" between the interests of shareholders

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# Food industry sinks its teeth into beef alternatives

OUTLOOK/Companies bounce back after seeing £1.2bn wiped off market values in BSE crisis. TONY MAY reports

the initial panic over BSE subsides. The agony will continue for the British farmer but food processing, distribution and

marketing companies are regrouping and finding sub-stitutes for beef. They are also seeking salvation in the growing trend of eating out.

severe. The meat processing and manufacturing sector is predicted to lose 17 per cent of its output this year, while the food manufacturing industry as a whole will lose 4 per cent, according to the latest Business Forecast by Charter-house, the investment bank-

The report notes that even before the latest BSE scare, the consumer was switching away from red meat on health grounds and says that so far there has been no compensat-ing growth in consumption of white meats, although pork is

becoming more popular. A month ago, with the pan-ic at its height, the City wiped £1.2 billion off the stock market value of the companies thought to be most at risk.

Unigate, Northern Foods — the UK's biggest milk suppliers — Dalgety and Harrisons & Crosfield — suppliers of ani-mal feedstuffs — all lost more than £150 million of their capi-talisation. The biggest faller was Sims Food, a heef supplier, which lost 32 per cent of its value, while Devro, the sausage-skin company, lost 8 per cent and Whitchurch, a meat processor and distribu-

tor fell 17 per cent. The fall was an attempt by the market to anticipate the furthest extent of the food industry's problems and there has been a recovery by some of these companies since as consumer confidence has abown signs of rallying --with the help of hefty price

cuts by supermarkets. In a note to investors on Monday, analysts at NatWest Securities said that the market had overdone the fall in the case of Dalgety, Devro and Unigate as the first two had made strategic acquisitions and the third had the comfort of a significant cash pile. Even one of the worst af-fected companies, Whit-church Group, has seen its

HE food industry is AST food chain Wimpy said that 75 to 80 per cent of catching its breath as announced a radical group turnover has historioverhaul of its menu amid a continuing slump in sales of beefburgers.

The company is introducing no fewer than 10 brand new dishes, featuring turkey, lamb, pork and cod, plus a vegetarian alterna-

"We have every confi-The immediate impact of dence in the safety of the the beef crisis has been beef we source, but we recdence in the safety of the ognise that some customers are looking for alterna-tives," said Wimpy managing director Max Woolfen-

> stroke the number of dishes on the chain's menu by around one third.

Traditional beefburgers, which have been sourced from Dutch, French and Irish beef since the mad cow disease crisis erunted. will continue to be sold at Wimpy's 272 restaurants around the UK.

A spokeswoman said that customers had "voted with their feet" in deserting beef products. "We have experi-enced a drop of 20 per cent in our beef lines, which equates to around 100,000 meals a week which have either switched to non-beef products or disappeared

shares rally by 15 per cent since March 31. The group said yesterday that both its catering division and burger manufacturing businesses had suffered from the BSE crisis but both were recover-

cally been in chicken, pork and lamb and most of the supply of beef has been from imported sources. Only 8 per cent of its turnover was "bur-

ger related".

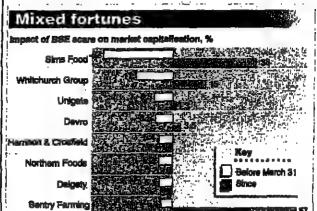
The group has been able to offer customers chicken, lamb and pork burgers, and has

cant increase in demand. Mr Cox said beef sales wer now showing a recovery, and some customers were switching back to British beef. The catering division had seen a resumption in demand for the school caterers were still reluctant to buy it.

Charterhouse's sur cludes that while the beef cri-sis has had a dramatic shortterm effect on the food market, its suppliers and customers, there is powerful growth in eating out and ca-tering generally, and that this will have a bigger long-term influence on the UK foot

If may be of no comfort to the beef industry, but spend-ing on eating out is expected in real terms by 2001 with pub food — which accounted for 16 per cent of eating out in 1995 — expected to grow by 8.5 per cent in the next five

Despite the beef crists, the food market as a whole is set until 2001, compared with the 0.5 per cent a year seen be tween 1990 and 1995. So far this year, the shares of food producers have under-



# **Dark Continent** for stressed pilots

### Workface

### Keith Harper

underlined during a secret ses-sion of Ifalpa, which desig-nated "virtually the entire T IS not all plain flying for airline pilots these days. They are worried about African continent" as having "critically deficient airspace". safety and stress and, with increasing competition among to such criticism. Its local the world's airlines, face growing pressure from employers to adopt new working

Such feelings pervaded the pilots' international confer-ence, which has just finished in Dublin, Lack of safety pre-cautions, particularly in Third World countries, was alleged to be one reason for some recent serious air

Captain Rob McInnis, chairman of the International Federation of Airline Pilots, highlighted the problem of aircraft and crew being hired from a foreign source, ques-tioning whether plane and personnel were "properly documented, maintained and

He said several countries had "notoriously liberal" rules governing their air transport industry and several areas of non-compliance with standards set by the In-ternational Civil Aviation Transport Organisation.

At grass roots level, Ifalpa's associations were under attack. In countries like Tur-key it couldn't fulfil its role as the industry's "safety con-science" because it had been shut down by the authorities. Icato had developed a safety

serious accident yet but it is waiting to happen," he said. oversight programme, but this relied on the co-operation members were being deprived of participating countries. He said that some foreign civil of their basic rights and that to break the influence of Ifalpa, pilots were being aviation authorities were incapable of meeting Icato's

Safety factors vary considerably in different parts of the world. Europeans are trying to protect working conditions, while Africans and South Americans are fighting | Third World.

### News in brief

'Standards have fallen; there is no doubt about that'

### Press group merger nets Hollick £2.2m

LORD Hollick, chief executive of Deliv Express publisher United News and Media, yesterday picked up £2.2 million as part of the company's recent merger with his MAI media and money broking group. The Labour peer received the payment after agreeing to waive his rights to options over MAI shares which he had previously been granted under the company's employee share ownership scheme.

MAI said Lord Hollick — who earns £559,000 a year — had

waived his annual bonus payments every year since 1993, and the options were over shares bought on his behalf by the scheme's trustees with those bonuses. Lord Hollick's colleague Charles Gregson, now chief executive of money broking at the merged group, received just under £1.5 million as part of a similar arrangement.

with their own governments and pilots do not see it as The pair have converted other shares and share options in MAI into shares and options in United, under the same terms as their business to create scare stories to frighten the public the merger. Under the conversion, details of which were provided by United yesterday, Lord Hollick now has 306.717 United shares — worth £2.1 million at last night's closing price — and options over another 861,619 shares. The price at which the options can be exercised was not disclosed. — Ian King from flying, particularly to But many pilots are wary of airspace over the African con-tinent because they think that

### **GA** moves into Europe

GENERAL Accident, one of the big five composite insurers, yesterday began delivering promises of expansion in Europe when it bought two German insurance units owned by Union des Assurances de Paris (UAP) for £51 million. Analysts said the purchase of general business UAP Allgemeine and life office UAP Leben was a sensible, if cautious move.

Deregulation in Germany will present many insurers with challenging market conditions. 'This is an exciting and fast moving market place, with considerable strategic importance to us," said GA's group chief executive Bob Scott. Group general manager Russell Evans said the company was considering merg-

### Home-buying gets cheaper

THE cost of buying a home has fallen to its lowest level in almost 20 years, according to figures from TSB. The bank said in a report published yesterday that a combination of April's tax changes and low mortgage rates meant that affordability was likely to improve into the summer.

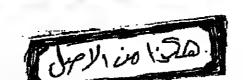
It said that a typical couple can expect to spend £13.80 of their take-home pay on each £100 of their mortgage. House price figures published later today by the Halifax and Nationwide are expected to record a 1 per cent increase on the month. — Cliff Jones

### Vulkan debt deal unlikely

BREMER Vulkan, Germany's largest shipbuilder which filed for protection from its creditors in February, said yesterday it did not believe a debt deal with creditors could be reached. The company said its management board had informed the Bremen district court that debt composition proceedings could not go ahead.

Under German law, fallure of an insolvent company to arrange debt composition means that it must file for bankruptcy. The announcement had been widely expected after the company said in March that writedowns had wiped out the sprawling group's egulty capital of DM1.4 billion. - Reuter

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4103-5 DELTA SOZIEL (20) P Harris 43-6
0345-4 RIBERGE (22) (D) G Wang 4-5
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2190-8 HOUSE (21) (D) G Brits 5-11
055101- CHARLE SELETT (120) (D) B Hist 4-3-1
05-003-8 SELLOW (9) (D) C Serious 5-3-4
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23446-SAMWAR (134) (D) G GY Kelloway 4-8-7 

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 Blinkered today for the first time: ASCOT: 5.15 Wild Palm. KELSO: 6.50 Eurolink The Rebel; 8.00 On The Other Hand. PLUMPTON: 2.10 Imola; 2.45 Duke of Lancaster; 4.20 Hylters Chance, 4.20 Script. EXETER: 2.55 Alpine Storm, Aeolian, Faraday, Feisty Boss, High Post; 2.55 Peter Monamy: 3.30 Jimmy's Fancy, Lemon's Mill.



HILIP ROBINSON rode a 19,073-1 treble at Nottingham yesterday. He began with a 50-1 success aboard Forecast and followed up with victories on Mirror Four Life (10-1) and 33-1 shot Abeyr. Forecast, unplaced in three previous outings on the sand. showed more of an aptitude for turf when beating Pride of Whalley a neck in the Meadows Selling Stakes.

# Sanmartino can eclipse Trigger's double-shot

Ron Cox

OUBLE ECLIPSE of heels to some good French stayers at Longchamp last week. Today it is the turn of his full brother Double Trigger to prove he will again be the one to beat in this year's Cup races when he reappears in the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot.

Mark Johnston, their trainer, is optimistic that Double Trigger will repeat last year's Sagaro victory and bounce back from a disappointing end to his 1996 campaign in the Melbourne Cup. which he nearly missed owing to an irregular pre-race blood sample. blood sample.
"He is absolutely fine now

and, if anything, he has shown in his work that he is better than ever. Double Eclipse ran his best race to win in France last week and Trigger has been finishing much closer to him at home."

Nevertheless, two miles is an absolute minimum for Double Trigger, who only got home by a head from Poltari in this race last year.

Jason Weaver is sure to make plenty of use of the fiveyear-old, who went on to win the Ascot Gold Cup, Good-wood Cup and Doncaster equivalent. But Double Trigger may not have things all

his own way today.

He has to give 10lb to last year's Ebor Handicap winner Sammartino (3.05), who is lighting fit following an ef-fortless win under 10st at

Sanmartino was only fourth behind Grey Shot on the last occasion he stepped out of handicap company, but the ground was very soft at Longchamp last September and Barry Hills's four-year-old has shown all his best form on a sound surface.

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ning to win that Group 3 race under Frankie Dettori, who could be taking on Double Trigger and Weaver from the word go. Sammartino, who has a turn of foot, should have the race run to suit him. The booking of Dettori for Gay Kelleway's Samwar (3.40) in the Victoria Cup looks highly significant.

An easy winner on the allweather at Lingfield after being bought out of the Barry Hills stable, Samwar runs here in preference to stableto have a good chance following his recent fifth in the Spring Cup at Newbury. Samwar began last seaso

by running fourth behind Charnwood Forest in a Newmarket maiden race and is potentially well handicapped. Tregaron (5.15), who will be having his first outing for Reg Akehurst in the White Rose Handicap. Tregaron finished a close third behind Deevee and Saifan in this contest last ison, when he was trained by Peter Calver, and is weighted to come out on top

The announcement by Nick Lees, clerk of the course at Newmarket, that a record amount of water is being poured on the Rowley Mile to ensure good ground for the Guineas meeting, will not go down well with the trainers of top-of-the-ground horses.

Punters yesterday seemed oblivious to any possible go-ing requirement for Mark Of Esteem — the Godolphin colt Esteem — the Godolphin colt was backed from 10-1 to 6-1 for the 2,000 Guineas with Ladbrokes.

Beauchamp King, 5-2 from 9-4, and Danehill Dancer, 12-1

from 10's, were easy to back with Ladbrokes yesterday. But Storm Trooper, in whom Fahd Salman has sold a quarter-share to David and Patricia Thompson of the orm on a sound surface. Cheveley Park Stud, was cut from 10-1 to 9-1.

5.00 Tellici



Double hid... Double Trigger attempts to repeat last year's win in the Sagaro Stakes at Ascot PHOTO: GEORGE SELWYN

### Kelso (N.H.) tonight

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David Lacey finds the Newcastle United manager's outburst the understandable result of a tense title race, while a psychologist thinks his rant may yet benefit his faltering side

# Why Keegan snapped in the final stretch

among those the his top. gods would wish to destroy. Surely Yet even his most devoted admirers, watching his performance on Sky television after Newcastle United's match at Leeds on Monday night, must have felt they were witnessing the madness of King Kev.

Wild-eyed and barely coherent. Keegan sounded like a man whose house had burned down with everything he cherished in it, not a football manager whose team had just won an important game.

He could have simply stitched together a few cliches about the championship not being over yet; instead he launched into a tirade against Alex Ferguson, the manager of Manchester United. who remain favourites for the title despite seeing the six-point lead established by Sunday's 5-0 rout of Nottingham Fores halved by Newcastle's 1-0

Twelve days earlier, after Ferguson had watched his team labour to beat Leeds United at Old Trafford, he criticised their players for not showing similar commitment against other sides. Ferguson, of course, knew full well what the media reaction to this would be, especially as Newcastle were Leeds's next

In a way, then, Keegan was the last to fall for the bait, using words such as "slander-ous", saying that the Manchester United manager had gone down in his estimation, and demanding that Ferguson be sent a videotape of Monday's match to show him how out of order he was.

To which Ferguson might respond with a tape of Leeds's 3-0 Coca-Cola Cup final defeat by Aston Villa, and rest his

As a result of all this, another army of psychologists. similar to that which pon-dered the state of mind of Eric Cantona when he kung-fukicked his way to infamy, has been mobilised to analyse Keegan's torment. The profes-

TEVIN KEEGAN, day declared that Keegan was normally an equa-ble sort of fellow, passive cannot have been surely cannot be around when Alex has blown

> Surely both managers, having seen their teams beat Leeds with varying degrees of difficulty, have merely betrayed signs of PMT (post-match tribulation), a condition common among their kind at the climax of a

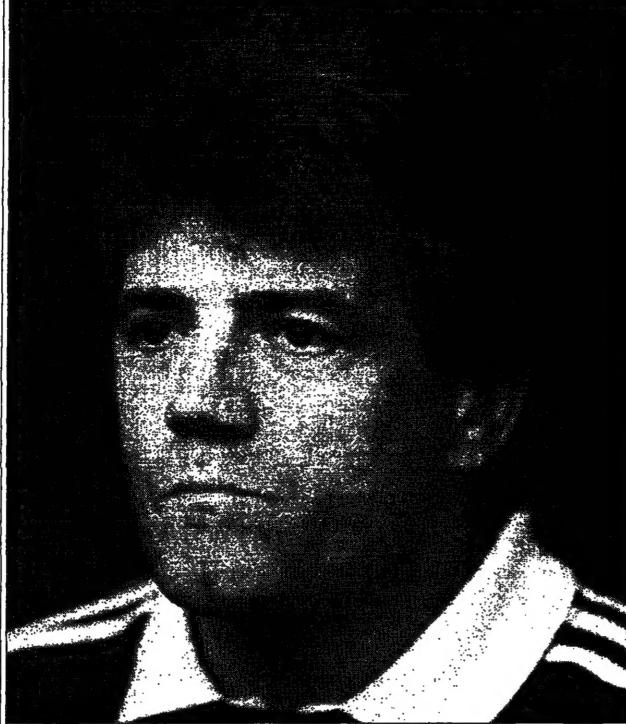
Keegan's distress at Leeds was understandable, for although his team's victory promised to take the chample onship the distance, it also threatened to prolong St

James' Park's agony.
Newcastle should win at
Nottingham Forest tomorrow night and they may well beat Tottenham at home on Sunday, but if at the same time Manchester United defeat Middlesbrough at Riverside they will almost certainly take their third title in four seasons on goal difference. At Elland Road, Sky caught

Keegan in a moment of ex-treme frustration. The irony of seeing Keith Gillespie, who had been the human part of the £7 million transfer that took Andy Cole to Old Traf-ford, head the winner the day after Ferguson had dropped Cole for the first time clearly meant nothing compared with the chances missed to narrow the gap on goal

difference. Yet if Newcastle, like Manchester United, beat Forest by a generous margin the contest will be back on in earnest. There has been some mischievous speculation about Forest's attitude being conditioned by the fact that Newcastle have agreed to provide the opposition for Stuart Pearce's testimonial. But if they lose heavily it will not be for want of trying.

effort in Sunday's performance at Old Trafford. As ager, said afterwards, it was not a question of lack of effort, just lack of ability. And therein lies Newcastle United's immediate hope of taking the championship into the



Stephen Smith on the managerial mind games

NYONE watching Kevin Keegan on Sky TV on Monday night must have condered over the mental pressures that the managers of Britain's top clubs are under. Was the pressure finally getting to one of the most likeable managers?

Most viewers would probably think they were watching the demise of a talented young manager breaking, as Greg Norman did in the US Masters, under the unrelenting on-slaught of a foe, Manchester United's Alex Ferguson, with all the mental strength of Nick Faldo.

Just like Norman, New-castle had amassed a huge lead only to squander it and watch bemused as Man-chester United reeled them n and then took the lead.

With three holes to go, vorman cracked and saw his hopes sink in the lake at the 16th hole. Was Monday night Keegan's approach to his 16th hole? Will the ripoles of his anger and frustration spread through his team with such a devastating effect? Watching as a psychologist, I think not. It might just have the exact opposite effect.

Ferguson had used reverse psychology on the players of Leeds and Nottingham Forest to try to galvanise them against Newcastle. In Leeds's case, he had taunted them. He condered why clubs turned in their best performances only against poor little Manchester United. He tried to hurt their professional pride. To Ferguson, a man motivated by winning, this was simply his managerial duty.

Sky's Richard Keys asked Keegan: "Isn't that part and parcel of the psycholog-ical battle, Kevin?" The response was an emphatic in personalities in sport.

"No!" This was not part of the game as he understood

Keegan's anger on Monday was palpable. There was so much he wanted to express but his brain moved quicker than his mouth could as he moved on to his next expression of anger before he had com-pleted the last.

To most onlookers his in-ability to complete his sentences would indicate that this was his Augusta and the ball was sinking be-neath the surface. Only, to further the golf analogy, in this case a funny thing happens. The ball hits a stone, rebounds out of the lake and falls straight into the hole. It's a funny old game.

Ferguson's tactics could backfire on him. Keegan has been noting what Perguson is up to and it has been irritating him like a festering sore. Monday's outburst may act as a cait off his chest he can focus coldly on Newcastle's remaining fixtures.

If Ferguson's comments were a calculated manoenvre, it has met with only limited success and his bluff may have been that his onthurst has lifted a huge weight from his shoulders; not what Ferguson anticipated.

Newcastle's players now have a vital role. They must have noted the effect this has had on their likeable and honest manager. Per-ceived honesty is the key here. If the players feel Keegan has been unfairly treated by their common foe, their Goliath, it could be the best spur they have for greater motivation and

Ferguson is on the 18th tee, looking back at the 17th hoping to see a broken man move towards the tee. He may yet see a man full of control and purpose striding after him. A man with a

· Stephen Smith is a chartered psychologist specialising

# Hoddle is next | Brighton agree England chief

Martin Thorpe

LENN HODDLE has been offered the job of His international experi-England manager by ence also extends to 53 Engthe Football Association and is expected to sign in the next 36 hours.

The FA spoke to the Chelsea manager on Monday and his appointment is a formalnational reins after the European Championship on July prepare a team and scout op-position prior to England's first qualifier in Moldova on September 1 for the 1998 World Cup.

He will, at 38, be the younest England manager and the least experienced, having been a club manager only five years and winning only promotion to the Premiership for

However, once Kevin Keegan. Gerry Francis and Bryan of the reckoning to replace Terry Venables, Hoddle was the obvious choice for the FA sub-committee charged with finding a new manager. Although he has won nothing dal. Others in the frame in-with Chelsea he has fash-clude Rix and Ruud Gullit.

ioned an attractive team, deploying modern tactics, who reached the 1994 FA Cup final and did well in Europe.

land caps and a playing spell with Monaco. An ambitious man, Hoddle ever since Venables decided to stand down. Hoddle's contract with Chelsea runs out in the summer. Although he has discussed a new deal with the club, an England offer was always going to take

There will be queston marks over the future England involvement of Robson and Don Howe, with Hoddle wishing to bring in his lieutenants. These could include the Chelsea No. 2 Peter Shreeves, who has international experience with Wales, and Cheisea's coach Graham Rix, a former England

international Favourite to take over at Chelsea is the disgraced for-mer Arsenal manager George Graham, who this summer ends his year-long ban from the game over the bung scan-

# Goldstone deal

Robert Pryce

other year after agreeing a deal with their landlord just before yesterday's

Greg Stanley, their co-owner, refused to disclose the cost of the deal, prompting suggestions that they must have agreed to pay close to the full £480,000 demanded by Chartwell Land. Brighton supporters were happy that the threat of a move to Portsmouth had been removed, but their joy was not unconstrained.

David Bellotti. the chief executive and deputy chairnan, had to call on police help when he was pre-vented from driving away from the Goldstone. Stanley met Liam Brady, the head of a consortium of

day afternoon. Yet according to Bill Archer, the club chairman, "the club is not

founder member of the Brighton Independent Sup-porters' Association. "Fans of the club have no confi-BRIGHTON will be staying at the Gold-stone ground for antotal confidence in Liam Archer, Stanley and Bel-

> lotti, the men responsible for selling the ground before an alternative was available, breaking the to Hove council, remain in charge after removing four non-executive directors without notice last week. The first we knew of it," said Dudley Sizen, when we read the programme on Saturday.' Bellotti's version - that

directors were "exercising their opportunity to leave the board with a refund of their investment" - is disputed by the men them-selves. "There are three things I would like to point out," said the former vice-chairman John Campbell. "We were removed from the board; we didn't resign. for sale".

"Archer must be made to relinquish his shareholding," said John Baine.

It wasn't an investment; it was an interest-free loan.

And they haven't paid any of it back yet."

# One-game ban for Asprilla

to hit Faustino Asprilla in the pocket rather chairman John Reames, as than damage Newcastle's title

challenge next season. The £7.5 million Colombian was fined £10,000 and banned for only one game - next season's opener - after being found guilty of two misconelbowing and butting incidents involving Manchester City's Keith Curle.

Asprilla's hearing, attended by Kevin Keegan and five other Newcastle representa tives, before an FA commis sion in a hotel near Leeds lasted almost four bours Curle, facing one charge for alleged "aggressive manner" was cleared after 45 minutes. Given fears that Asprilla

might be handed a six-game oan, the Colombian and New castle appear to have escaped lightly. Nevertheless his fine equals the highest imposed for an on-field incident Eric Cantona's for his kung-fu kick at Crystal Palace in Jan-Both incidents in the Febmary 24 match at Maine Road | season.

went unpunished by the refer-ee Martin Bodenham but the elbowing charge was clearly prompted legal argument.

Later the FA spokesman Gary Double said: "The commission decided the player was guilty of misconduct on both charges ... on the second [butting] it was decided no penalty would be imposed. On the first [elbowing] the commission ruled Asprilla would pay part of the cost of the hearing, serve a one-match ban at the start of

next season and he fined Newcastle's solicitor Stephen Hornsby questioned the commission's right to view video evidence. But after the FA's top lawyer Raj Parker outlined its case, this challenge was rejected. A video of the elbowing incident was screened three times.

Asprilla and Keegan refused to comment. · Bristol Rovers are going "home" after 10 years' exile in Bath. They will share Bristol's rugby union ground next

First Division: Oldham 2, Stoke City 0

# Oldham are safe

LDHAM last night sethe more serious and it the First Division. Stoke may more subtle than Whittle's stay with them, as they will start Sunday's final game against Southend at the toria Ground still not certain of a place in the play-offs.

> Oldham won at a canter making some recent dismal performances all the more mystifying. Although they have tumbled far and without grace since the Premiership and FA Cup semi-finals they are still capable of tidy foot-ball, even if their best intentions are too often submerged beneath apprehension. Last night they began frantically and then accelerated in a bid to sweep Stoke away.
> Oldham's season-long prob-

he sees one: or a bad one. than it should have done. Rickers hit the bar early on

lem has been scoring, so the omission of Barlow and Mc-Carthy was surprising. Still. could hardly be accused of not knowing a good striker when Stoke's luck held for longer

only delayed. After 26 min-utes Whittle's foolishly outstretched leg sent Beckford LDHAM last night secured the victory which finally banishes creamed the soaked and the bedraggled. It was, and Lee

> Seemingly fatigued and cer-tainly listless, Stoke could barely construct a meaning ful response although Old ham's limping goalkeeper Hallworth was required to touch a Gleghorn header over towards its midway point. As the rain cascaded down

tackle had been.

the evening surrendered its rhythm, paving the way for the less cultured feet to strike up the only meaningful beat. It was neither pretty nor entertaining, but there was too much at stake for niceties. Oldham deservedly doubled their advantage with 18 minutes remaining when Gerry Creaney cleverly steered in Richardson's low cross from

the right. Oldham Athletior Hallworth; Makin, Fleming, Graham, Redmond, Serrant, Rickers, Richardson, Becklord, Orlygeson,

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Stoke City: Prudhoe; Ciarkson
(Carruthers, 75min), Sigurdeson, Whitle,
Sandlard, Gevilin, Wallage, Gleghorn,
Potter, Starvidge, Sheron
Referent K Leach (Wolverhampton).

### Sport in brief

### Rugby Union

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Coventry City

**Derby County** 

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The Ireland international Niali Malone has been given the vote ahead of Jez Harris for the contentious Leicester ington Cup final against Bath at Twickenham on Saturday.

### Athletics

Teamtalk

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11 Leeds United

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24 Man. United

31 Middlesbrough

17 Newcastle Utd

28 Norwich City

05 Nottm. Forest

Diane Modahl, cleared of drug

charges last month, has her first track race for 21 months at a UK Women's League match in Edinburgh on Saturday. She will run an 800 metres, at which she is a former Commonwealth champion, followed by a second-string 400m, for her club Sale.

19 Sheffield United

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04 Stoke City

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### She will also run in the 600m in the Welsh Games in Cardiff

### on May 25. Sports Television

Formula One teams and a have reached agreement on digital broadcasting of races. Beginning at the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim in July, viewers in Germany, Austria and Switzerland will "pay-per-view" for the service. The same technology will allow viewers in France to watch any French first div ision game next season.

### Boxing

The death of the Australian on Monday during a fight in Melbourne against the Chinese-born Liu Gang, has led to a renewed call by the Australian Medical Association for the sport to be outlawed.

### Equestrianism

Britain's Olympic selectors have been forced into a rethink after five of their long-listed borses withdrew from the Badminton Horse Trials. The event, starting tomorrow, had been planned as a final selection trial for the three-day event team for Atlanta but the chairman of selectors Bridget Parker said: "We shall have to get together tomorrow to decide what to

### Results

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Third Division Hereford (1) 4 White 6, Smith 56 (pen Cross 77, Sloker 39

### Tennis

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### **Evening Racing** ASCOT

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CT1.40. Trio D63.00 CSF: C25 67. Tricast C150 M.
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# Carry on Doctor

Paul Weaver at Canterbury

JULIAN THOMP. SON is only 27 and has played only four first-class matches. but he must have considered retirement at the end of last reason. He had dismissed Brian Lara for a duck in each innings here last July — the great man's only pair — and his career could only decline

his career could only decline after such a triumph.

Happily for Kent, though, he stayed on to perform more wonders, and he duly took the Gold Award against Middlesex yesterday for three cheap wickets, including those of Jason Pooley and Paul Weekes with successive balls.

A sharpish right-armer who can get the ball seaming, he also had Mike Gaiting brilliantly caught behind.

That burst, and another ca-

That burst, and another casually destructive half-century by Carl Hooper, gave last year's runners up their third convincing win in as many group matches and virtually guaranteed them a quarter-final place. With four all-rounders in the side, counting the wicketkeeper, they have the batting depth required in

Their three defeats have real-istically put them out of the competition and, rather like Kent's win, there has been a conclusive air to them. They lost this game by six wickets with 16 balls to spare.

John Emburey is badly missed but their batting has been their real sorrow, with only John Carr in good form. Middlesex chose to bat on a bland-hobing nitch so the Middlesex chose to bat on a bland-looking pitch, so the good Doctor Thompson's incisions came as a surprise. When Mark Ramprakash was caught behind, cutting, they were 79 for four and adrift. But Carr then scored his third successive fifty, attacking Mark Ealham with relish, and made 55 from 72 balls before running himself out.

running himself out.

He added 59 for the fifth wicket with Keith Brown but it was the sixth-wicket stand which was the more interesting: another 59 was added by Brown and Owais Shah, who is only 17 but managed an un-beaten 42 from 38 balls which included a mighty six over long-on off Martin McCague.

Just before the end Ealham hit an even bigger six, into the top tier of the Frank Woolley Stand off Phil Tufnell, though by then Hooper had followed him of the top tier of the frank Woolley Stand off Phil Tufnell, though by then Hooper had followed his 98 on Sunday Middlesex, meanwhile, with a polished 62 and Mid-



Look back in anger . . . Middlesex's Brown falls victim to the pace of McCagne for 43

Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire

Mike Selvey at Trent Bridge

ESPITE the flurry of strokes from the Nottinghamshire captain Paul Johnson that finally carried his side to a five-wicket win over Worcestershire, it had been a close-run thing between the weather and the cricket for the duliness award. The cricket won: it was so bewilderingly awful that perhaps Dennis Potter wrote the script.

Worcestershire squandered a decent start in which they reached 120 for one in the 23rd over: instead of pushing on to a competitive total, they lost nine wickets for 68 runs and were all out for 188. The losing semi-finalists of last year are thus out of this

ets of Graeme Hick, Tom Tolley's throw to the bowler's Moody. David Leatherdale and Tim Curtis fell within a Three overs on from that five-over period when the Nottinghamshire spinners Richard Bates (two for 21) and Andy Afford (one for 21) were

bowling in tandem. The slump began with Hick, who as usual had looked mechanically threatening and had reached 40 when he at-tempted to hoist Bates's second delivery over the mid wicket boundary, hit the ball too straight and saw Paul Pollard take an awkward running catch in the deep.

In Bates's next over Moody, seeing a run to midwicket that was indiscernible to his batting partner Curtis, was sent back but stranded by

Curtis, who had begun the in-nings in the grandest possible style by driving the first two deliveries of the match back past the bowler David Penpast the bowler David Pen-nett, was bowled by Afford trying to chop an arm ball to third man. When Bates — an unlikely but worthy Gold Award winner — had Steve Rhodes caught at deep square leg. Worcestershire had col-larsed to 138 for six

lapsed to 138 for six. Nottinghamshire made heavy going of their reply, losing five wickets for 137. in-cluding that of Tim Robinson, who hit five fours and a six in his 52 before being run out. But the return of Paul Johnson's throw. Two balls Thomas to the attack has-later Curtis pushed to mid-on and Leatherdale backed up too eagerly and was beaten by the limitative, hitting him for five fours in 10 balls.

Glamorgan v Somerset

# Hick starts suicide slide Turner scales new height

stand at the crease, academi-cally tall as befits a Cam-

bridge man, seemingly bereft of strokes though never to be discounted in a crisis. Yet

there has been talk of dress-ing-room indoctrination: he

ATTHEW MAYNARD

David Foot at Cardiff

ATTHEW MAYNARD and Adrian Dale were looking increasingly in charge when the rain finally curtailed play yesterday with Glamorgan 108 for two after 27 overs in reply to Somerset's 239 for eight, but the weather coming down the weather coming down from the hills was forecast to continue today and Somerset's average is better.

That Somerset reached as many as they did, on a wicket initially damp and difficult, was due mainly to the un-likely pairing of Rob Turner and Andy Hayhurst, Turner, in an even more unlikely sta-tistic, made 70 off 75 balls. It used to be said that this

has been advised to mock that gentle nature and dare to hit over the top.

This he did. It was not wholly elegant as he improvised, legs wide spart and eyes glazed with new-found adventure. But he hit splendid sixes

off Croft and Barwick. Hayhurst was more subdued, though his innings of 67 not out was also of great value. The two of them brought substance to what had looked likely to be a fragile total, when the in-form Ecclestone was caught at the wicket as he quietly efficient wicketkeeper tried to cut and the was an incorrigibly pedestrian batsman. He would of a sharp return. tried to cut and the Australian

newcomer Lee was the victim

Glamorgan's bowling was as varied as the climate. Dale bowled three wides in an over and then had Harden playing-on. Thomas, small and nippy, twice beat Bowler in an early over but his suspect accuracy was never far away.

For those Somerset sup-porters who had journeyed across the Severn by way of the costly bridge toll, there was some reward in the per-formance of Caddick. This was his first competitive match of the season after shin operations and then, the other day, a worrying back

strain. He bowled well within himself but let go the occasional delivery with deceptive venom. He had James beautifully caught one-handed by Trump at gully, and Morris taken at the wicket attempting a second six.

# Cunliffe comes of age

THE grizzled Graham
Gooch became the first
player to score 5,000
runs in the Benson and
Hedges Cup with a 100 off
104 balls yesterday against
the British Universities at the British Universities at Chelmsford, but mostly it was a day for young players

The fresh-faced Rob Cun-liffe (Gloucestershire), Paul Whitaker (Hampshire) and Ronnie Irani (Essex) all won Gold Awards. And the slightly more seasoned Alistair Brown (Surrey) played another destructive innings.

Cunliffe, a 22-year-old playing only his second B&H match, scored 137 off 143 balls in Gloucester- drizzle — for only five deliv-shire's 307 for four against eries in early evening — the a wayward Surrey attack at The Oval. But he was up-staged by the 26-year-old Brown, who hit 32 off 57 balls to put Surrey on the way to a three-wicket win. After Gooch scored his

15th B&H century, the 24-year-old Irani took over at Chelmsford, belting an unbeaten 62 off 28 balls and then taking four for 30 as the Universities finished 107 runs short of Essex's 331 for five.

Whitaker, a 22-year-old left-hander, hit an aggressive 53 at Southampton. Hampshire made only 235 for nine but it proved more than enough as Sussex subsided to 168 all out.

Derbyshire v Lancashire

### Cork right on the nose

David Hopps at Chesterfield

OMINIC CORK at his most ebullient pro-vided reassuring proof yesterday that he is one Eng-land player quickly casting aside his World Cup depresasine his worm cup tepression. Lancashire resume against Derbyshire today at 70 for six, still 68 runs short of victory, with Cork having three more overs in which to enhance his five-wicket

return.

Cork was stricken with knee trouble during the World Cup but the only operation he has had since his many has been a "nose job". return has been a "nose job". The intention was to alleviate breathing difficulties; apparently his habit of bowling, appealing, back-chatting, kidding and commentating at the same time occasionally left him short of breath.

Queen's Park with the sap barely risen is a customary Cork, who habitually tor-ments Lancashire in this ments Lancashire in this competition, performed like a man overdosing on oxygen. Derbyshire's pality total of 137, combined with a responsive pitch, brought a desperate, attacking edge to his bowling. When the ball did not swing he regularly overpitched around leg stump—he conceded 43 in seven overs—but when he got it right he was devastating.

was devastating. Gallian shuffled suspiclously across his stumps to be leg-before in Cork's second over, and Yates received the type of welcome that will make pinch-hitters an endangered species. His first ball was a vicious bouncer that required swift evasive action; his second, short of a length, flew off the glove and was deflected by the diving Adams at second slip to Jones at first. Crawley, pushing at an out-swinger, followed for nought in Cork's next over.

Atherton was a debatable casualty to conclude an in-spired spell of four for nine in 11 balls as Cork won a leg-before decision with a delivery arguably bound down the

Rain then forced a stoppage of nearly three hours and when play resumed in steady force was still with him. He slammed his first ball short and wide, whereupon Watkin-

son slashed it to second slip. Derbyshire had batted inde-terminately after Jones, their new Australian captain, had disregarded precedent on this ground by opting to bat. Aus-tin trundled in astutely but Watkinson's five-wicket bounty overemphasised the perils of his medium pace.

Adams, the most purposeful Derbyshire batsman, was defeated by one that bounced and left him, and Cork carved a sharp chance to backward point. Atherton, the catcher, will have been more satisfied with the outcome on this

### Hockey

### **Double series triumph lifts Britain's Olympic women**

Pait Rowley

GREAT BRITAIN's women claimed their second pre-Games Test series in Atlanta vesterday with a 3-2 victory over Spain, the Olympic champions. Britain had de-feated the United States, the World Cup bronze medallists, 2-0 in a three-Test series, and have now beaten Spain 3-1. Spain, who drew their

eries with the US. could have done the same against Britain by winning yesterday but their hopes vanished when they trailed 3-0 in 38 minutes. Scotland's Sue Fraser put Britain ahead in the 13th minute with a firm drive, her first goal in Atlanta. England's

**Table Tennis** 

Richard Jago in Bratislava

NGLAND's women lost

terday but still took a Euro-

pean Championships bronze medal. Lisa Lowas. England's

outstanding player here

with six wins, might have

changed the course of the

semi-final had she capital-ised on a lead of 13-11 in the third game of the open-

ing contest against Vivien

Ello. But the Hungarian made progress with a

steady slow loop on the forehand, mixed with the

ability to pick the right mo-

Six points out of seven went Ello's way, and at

14-16 Lomas was shown a

vellow card for a remark

ments for a fast kill.

put away down the left wing by Mandy Davies, she took on the defence and scored with a remarkable reverse-stick

sweep shot. Six minutes later Jane Six smith set up the third goal with a 50-yard run and pass to Tina Cullen, who chipped the ball reverse-stick over the goalkeeper. Spain came back with goals

by Maider Telleria (penalty stroke) and their captain Na-talia Dorado (penalty corner). Britain's delighted manager Jenny Cardwell said afterwards: "Britain's game has moved up several gears.
We are now playing as a
squad not a collection of
individuals."

Britain have simulated Mandy Nicholls then cele-brated her 50th cap for Brit-ain by scoring her first goal of the tour, and spectacularly: drawn one and lost one.

hit took a net cord and

Ello's 21-15, 11-21, 21-18 win seemed to convince England all was lost. Alison

Broe lost 21-7, 21-14 to the

former European champion Csilla Batorfi, Andrea Holt

was rarely in it against Krisztina Toth, and the doubles was a disaster.

England's men lost 4-1 to

Sweden and face a relega-

tion play-off against the Netherlands today. But

jumped off.

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Cheimsterent Essex won by 107 runs.
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S G Lew c Boswell b Rashid
D J Robinson c Cake
b Martin-Jenkins
A P Grayson sot out
Excras (bd, w10, nb8)

beating the Olympic champion Jan-Ove W 19-21, 21-13, 21-18. Waldner Waldner coasted up to 18-18 in the third game and was then surprised by a sudden bombardment of made when her backhand two-winged attacks.

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D M Jones c Mertin b Chappis - 2

M Wells c Lloyd b Watkinson - 2

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Westuneon c Adams b Cork

Total (for 6, 14 overs) 70 Pall of wickness 27, 29, 35, 41, 48, 70. To beet 10 Austin, P.J. Martin, G. Chapote, Sewelleys: Malcolm 6-0-21-1; Carls 7-1-45-5, DeFreitzs 1-0-5-0. WE Palmer.

DURNAM - WARWICKSHIRE Today 11.0. pulititian "M A Rosebe P Bambridge

RESERT OF THE TEST UNIVERSITIES.

there was one speciacular English success when Alex Perry, aged 20, scored his first international win by

BORTISH UNIVERSITIES

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224 Such 10-3-31-0: Grayson 8-1-28-1.

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& P Dowman not out
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SCOTLAND Y MORTHAMPTONS Forfare Northants won by five wickets. B M W Patterson b Curren J. Philip run cut
J. G Williamson not out
M. J. Smith b Taylor
G Salmond e Capel b Malier
M. J. D. Allingham not out
Entras (ib8, ws) 

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R J Bailey c Sub b Beven ...

M B Loye not out ...

R J Warren c Device b Beven ...

K M Curran c Allingham b Thomson

6-0-34-3. Umpiress B J Meyer and G Sharp.

M Ward b Cawdron

D Brown run out

A J Stewart c Smith b Davis

P Thorpe b Alleyne
J Holloake c Alleyne b Cawdron

B P Julian c Symonds to Davis
M A Butcher not out
C C Lewis not out
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296, 297
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Southing: Smith 9.5-0-73-1; Cooper 9-0-51-0; Cawdran 6-0-48-2; Davis 10-0-64-2; Alleyne 10-0-30-1; Symonds

Impires: R A White and P Willey. METOLLESSIX
P N Weekes b Thompson
J C Pooley c Walker b Thompson
M R Ramprakesh c Marah b Fleming
M W Gasting o Marah b Thompson
J D Carr run out
C R Brown b McCague
O A Shah not out
Extras (lb5, w6, nb8)

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Bowdleg: McCague 10-1-63-1; Thompson 10-2-29-3; Flaming 9-1-30-1; Ealtham 10-0-55-0; Hooper 7-0-31-0; Patel 4-0-15-0.

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Lee & & b Barwick

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9-0-53-1; Date 5-0-18-1; Berwick 

on of 15 overs 2-54. Bowling: Caddick 8-3-24-2; Rose 7-1-27-0; Les 5-0-33-0; Ecclestone 6-0-18-0 rwer & Dudleston and J W Holder 

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S T J Townsend b Mason

S V Laudai c Nixon b Parsone

J N Baby run out

M F D Robinson run out

M J Maryell C Macmillan b Maddy

M A Snarp not out 

J Wells b M A Sharp ... I MacMillan b Marvell 

Bowling: Saggers 8-1-44-0; M A Sharp 8-1-26-1; Laudat 10-1-40-2; Marvell 5-0-38-1; Robinson 4-0-22-1.

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Cheams Leicestershire 434 (V Clarke 129,
C Remy 128, P Whitticase 50; Knowle
S-115). Surrey 246-8 (J Knott 73, N Sargeart 89) and 155-4 (G Kenriis 89; Brimson
A-49). Today 11.0.
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(D J Roberts 105, A J Swann 98; Fisher
6-99, Yorkshire 130 (Roberts 28-5). Today
11.0

Hover Kent 413-5 dec (D P Fulion 230, D J Spencer 67no, R Key 50), Sussex 31-1. Today 11,0. Old Trafford: Nottinghamshire 47-1 Lancashire, Today 11,0.

Taumtone Derbyshire 185 and 157 (A Warner 47no), Somerael 256-9 doc (P C L Polloway 118not and 90-0 tM Trescontrick 52no). Somerael won by ten wickets Urbridger, Middleser 244 (S P Moltat 94; Rawnsley 4-55) and 202-7 ik P Durch 81). Worcestershire 137, Today 110

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# O'Sullivan runs into trouble at the table

Clive Everton sees a lucky man contest the quarter-finals

the luckiest man in the tournament. strode into the Crucible Theatre spotencountered difficulties against John Higgins in the quarter-finals of the Embassy World Championship.

By the evening it looked as if O'Sullivan — less ebullient than usual but not noticeably short of confidence — might lose. But even if he does, his £30,000 prize-money will cover the punishment imposed on him by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association for assaulting its assis-tant press officer Michael Ganley on Sunday.

Monday night behind the closed doors of the disciplinary hearing seemed yesterday not to have affected O'Sulli-van. Although he received a muted reception, the 20-year-old from Stourbridge quickly took a 3-1 lead, apparently unfazed by his narrow escape

from disqualification. Higgins, however, hit back in their best-of-25-frames match to go 5-3 ahead against a player fortunate to escape with a £20,000 fine after admitting he had attacked Gan-

ley. The mood in the building was in sombre contrast to the atmosphere as Monday night's verdict was reached after a four-hour meeting.

At a midnight press conference the association an-£8,000 higher than the one imposed on Alex Higgins for 'serial offending" - but even after O'Sullivan has made an additional "voluntary" con-tribution of £10,000 to two charities, his outgoings will be matched by his prize-money even if Higgins beats

him. The financial penalty reflects the severity of the assault, and it was valid for O'Sullivan to claim in his public apology that it was "out of character", but the feeling among the circuit's insiders was that the disciplinary committee had been too

An exception was John Virgo, who condemned the offence but said there was "a time for forgiveness". But the fine and a two-year suspension from the game — itself suspended for two years forgiveness too soon. O'Sullivan's manager

appearance at a snooker tour-nament, commented with some justification: "Our lawyers did a good job."

What was said to the disci-

Barry Hearn, making a rare



vance to the semi-finals by default - a prospect which he

Ready to go . . . O'Sullivan waits in the wings yesterday, the morning after a long night before PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STERLE

much maligned constitution | and disciplinary code, picked over in previous cases more voraciously than a Christmas turkey, may well have been enawed again.

The recent abolition of a seven-day cooling-off period after an alleged offence was well intended, but perversely it plinary hearing has yet to made more difficult Higgins's was honest enough to admit leak out but the WPBSA's preparations for arguably the would not appal him.

Hearn said: "I always feit | match his perfect table man-ommon sense would prevail | ners and his in-play most important match of a common sense would prevail. The punishment is hard but career that has aiready vielded five major titles. fair. Alex Higgins would not have been world champion if Only 11 hours before he was due to play his first World quarter-final, his psychologi-cal focus was blurred by the he had conformed, but I hope Ronnie tempers his temper." High-profile players who lead vivid off-table lives usupossibility that he might ad-

ally command more media attention and sell more tickets than the model professional that Higgins is and that O'Sullivan - according to what he said in his apology — aspires

Jimmy White has a racy offplayers would do well to more worthy.

Nobody wants to stifle O'Sullivan's virtuosity and showmanship, but Sunday's tion of petty behaviour, and a

punishment less severe than many of his professional peers feel others might have received have depleted the

Hendry as the youngest table life without a hint of champlon, the widespread frenzy of the fans. But it is violent conduct, and young feeling is that Higgins is the spectacle, not sport.

> fourth clearance of the tournament, 137, before a new

him.
If he or Higgins is to be the one to succeed Stephen

Ebdon in record ripping form

televising its own grand prix

who had been hit by the 1965

# Lawnmower powers into pole position



Vincent Hanna

OR some time I wanted to vent my spleen about but I lacked the special-ised hands-on experience.

Every April when things go missing, like the barbecue or small children, I notice that the grass is long. I drag out the lawnmower and take it to the lawnmower hospital, where they say there's a long queue and come back in July.

round and cuts the grass. Yes-terday he brought a gleaming blades and a seat. For a tenner he allowed me to drive it while he drank my beer under the

oak tree. I was damn good. Apart from the incident when the conservatory backed into me. I turned in three hours of nerveless cornering — and

edging.
I know now what the Schumachers go through. Don't tell me about life-and-death struggles with finely tuned right to say F1 racing is a waste of time.

Not for sporting journalists, mind you. We drift about in a elamorous *demi-monde* behind wire fences, where cigarette manufacturers dispense reassurance, and men in tight suits with crooked smiles and a hint of danger pour champagne for blonde women with stop-watches. I've done it. I had a great time.

But it's nothing to do with sport. Formula One is a contest for organisers of technology. A parade of mobile computers. There is excitement at the track - with the noise, the smell, and the collective

Well, that's what I think. Let me offer you three paradoxes. The first is about television. Motor racing was popularised on TV in the 1970s by Jon-athen Martin of the BBC, who was obsessed with Niki Lauda He also got worked up, I recall, about Arkle and Virginia Wade. Anyway, in those days the "home" network paid for

and the rest of Eurovision got it for peanuts. So the cigarette makers,

ban on TV-adverts, cashed in on the soaring viewing figures that Jonathan served up with the aid of Jackie Stewart, James Hunt and Murray Walker. Now they pay through the nose.

Any serious F1 team needs annual sponsorship of £40 million. Sponsors get their names on the car in 16 appearances on TV. Some gear the money to the number of seconds their car is actually seen.

The paradox is that F1 racing collects twice for the same thing. The sponsors fork out to see their labels flash by on TV at 150mph. Then television has to pay up to provide the medium for the message. If it didn't, the sport would wither. Paradox Two is about car

design. Schumacher's performance at the Nürburgring was brilliant, pushing himself into second place whereas his team-mate Eddie Irvine hardly got off the grid. But his than the Williams, its design made close quarter manoeu-vring difficult.

As the Ferrari pushed into Villeneuve's slipstream it became aerodynamically com-promised, and less efficient. so the better Schumacher drove, the less he looked like passing. He needed a mistake from the Canadian, who did not oblige. Once, motor racing was or-

ganised so that driving skills ranked equal to or higher than technological achievement. Have another look at the 1966 Frankenheimer film Grand Prix and you'll see what I mean. Now they are one factor in a complicated equation and most argue that, although things are better than in 1992, driving skills are not the decisive factor.

ARADOX Three is about circuits. Most of the current grand prix less for contests of driving skill than for processions. Critics cite Imola, venue of the San Marino GP, where a classic combination of fast bend/ long straight/slow turn, a test of nerve and engine power. has been eliminated after the deaths of Senna and Ratzenberger.

Yet my colleague Alan Henry argues that you can still provide marvellous and safe — racing. "Look how it used to be in Buenos Aires before they revamped it into a

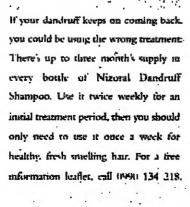
I hear that the sport's governing body FIA is rethinking the whole boring business. I can provide experimental facilities on my back lawn, on Sundays, every fortnight. I'll even let them drive -for a tenner.

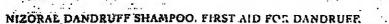
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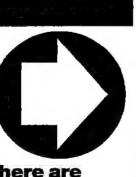




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worst rip of a cloth in tournament history and caused his quarter-final to be adjourned for the day with him leading Steve Davis 5-1, writes Clive Everion.

cloth was deemed essential. The champion Stephen Hendry came back from 1-3 to take a 5-3 overnight lead Running repairs after Ebover Darren Morgan.

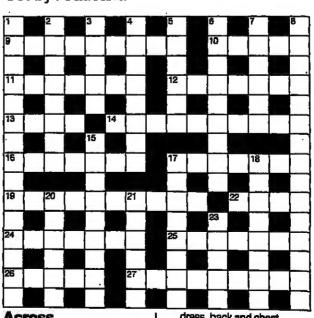


There are similarities between the themes and the issues of the Scott play, Half The Picture, which caught the imagination of a theatre audience. Indeed, we have drawn attention to this by using the same actors. Richard

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### Guardian Crossword No 20,641

Set by Araucaria



Across 9 Beheaded Scots king on icon destroyed as against church

10 Take one writer and get less Green? (5)

11 Beauty who provides weapons for church? (7) 12 Beauty who should be dipped? (7)

13,22 Signs of love and peace are our pigeon (4-4) 14 Meaty drink folled a Sioux plot (6,4)

16 Flying shoes give fever a fresh start (7) 17 Fire, Inversely the beauty queen of hell? (7)

19 Blot out number on list — it's beautiful (10) **22** See 13 24 Composer gives short story new ending (7)

25 Copper's accepting Indian

dress, back and chest protector (7) 26 Turn to dormouse for fruit

without beauty (5) 27 Trendy copper's warning shows carelessness (9)

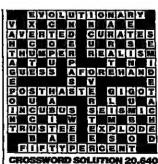
1 Having beauty, I could turn up his letters (15) 2 Feeble-soundir.; old queen left (for dead?) by senior

common room (8) 3 Saying what will go in the garden? (5)

4 A mineral deposit at Aachen turning up to give eating problems (8) 5 Top class performer raised

assistance for sloth (6) 6 High table, as it were, makes captured ship heel over (5,4) 7 A beauty with a head for love

8 Stewed prune gets police



forces to raise voices without beauty (15) 15 Tell the police about some celebrities having no beauty (9) 17 Tact finds beauty in food (8)

18 Being equally pressured is nothing with a crib available (8) 20 Volley exchanged with beauty (6)

21 Beauty causes trouble and rising wickedness (6) 23 Beauty and the beast that's little outside home (3-2) Solution temerrow

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